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March 15, 2019

Via email: csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org

Chris Saeger
Executive Director
Western Values Project
704C East 13th Street, Suite 568
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Dear Mr. Saeger:

On April 2, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

“I request access to and copies of all correspondence since January 19, 2017, between all official “@ios.doi.gov” Department of Interior email addresses and all email addresses used by Secretary Ryan Zinke, excluding his official “@ios.doi.gov” Department of the Interior email. This should include, but not be limited to, all communications with the following email addresses:

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- ryanzinke@gmail.com
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- KonradZinke@gmail.com
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- RagnarZinke@gmail.com

On June 19, 2018, we acknowledged your request and advised you of your fee status in accordance with the FOIA. Today, we are writing with a partial response to your request and releasing one file consisting of 832 pages. Of those 832 pages, 269 pages are being released in full and 563 pages contain redactions as described below.

Portions of the documents may be redacted pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)) because they fit certain categories of information:

Email Addresses
Phone Numbers
Personal Information

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” The courts have held that the phrase “similar files” involves all information that applies to a particular person. Hertzberg v. Veneman, 273 F. Supp. 2d 67, 85 n.11 (D.D.C. 2003).

To determine whether releasing requested information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to perform a “balancing test.” This means that we must weigh the individual’s right to privacy against the public’s right to disclosure.

- (1) First, we must determine whether the individual has a discernable privacy interest in the information that has been requested.
- (2) Next, we must determine whether release of this information would serve “the public interest generally” (i.e., would “shed light on the performance of the agency’s statutory duties”).
- (3) Finally, we must determine whether the public interest in disclosure is greater than the privacy interest of the individual in withholding.

The information that we are withholding consists of personal information, and we have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in it. Additionally, we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency’s statutory duties and that, on balance, the public interest to be served by its disclosure does not outweigh the privacy interest of the individuals in question, in withholding it. Nat’l Ass’n of Retired Fed. Employees v. Horner, 879 F.2d 873, 879 (D.C. Cir. 1989).

In summation, we have determined that release of the information that we have withheld would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals, and that it therefore may be withheld, pursuant to Exemption 6.

Rachel Spector, Attorney-Advisor, in the Office of the Solicitor, was consulted in reaching this decision. Clarice Julka, Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer, is responsible for making this decision.

You may also seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public liaison, Clarice Julka, by email at os_foia@ios.doi.gov, or by phone at 202-513-0765.

If you have any questions regarding any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Ryan McQuighan by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov, or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka, at the phone and address above.

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Sounds great Ryan. Marc is a top notch, exceptional guy. Caroline, I will email you separately and introduce you to Marc. I hope you all enjoy an amazing holiday weekend! Thank you for all you do, Lee

Sent from my iPhone

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Pls schedule

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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Date: 07/01/2017 4:00 PM (GMT-05:00)
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Hey Ryan,
Hope you are doing great and enjoying your 4th. Too crazy about how that week went after that dinner at your office with Scalise and the House GOP.
Marc Goldman, former President of Farmland Dairies and a very active national board member of the Republican Jewish Coalition, is interested in briefly meeting with you on July 12th if you are around and available to discuss the topic of: "Fuel choice as it relates to true American dominance". You have met Marc on multiple occasions including one of the Allen West Guardian Fund events at the Capitol Hill Club. His bio is attached as well as a brief summary of the topic.

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(Written for a good friend in Montana)

The 4th of July bunting on the porch has been put away and the house cleaned up after the celebration with friends: what better time to reread the Magna Carta and think about American governance on this, the 800th anniversary of The Magna Carta?

In 1215 AD, King Henry III of England, a very unpopular King, met with a group of rebel barons at Runnymede, a wet-meadow on the S. Bank of the Thames River to make peace. In a matter of days they agreed to a “Great Charter” or Magna Carta that had been drafted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The King signed the document (written in Latin in iron gall ink on parchment) that was copied by monks and distributed to the barons to be read to all Englishmen at Mass and in public squares. There are but a few of these copies still in existence. Though neither side upheld the agreement and subsequent Charters (1216, 1217, 1225, & 1297) came and went with current affairs, a certain statement of the limited powers of government (as in the King being subject to the law) and the rights of “free men” (barons) began working its way through history forming the Charters of the King for the 13 Colonies in America and eventually their bold Constitution defining the United State of America.

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The first 8 clauses were protections for landowners from government abuse in everything from taxes to inheritances and the rights of widows and very young heirs. The fact that Property Rights were truly first and foremost is a reminder of the historic and enduring nature of this most basic of all rights, without which the others begin to pale and erode.

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Looks like the 'Tater Kings became 'Tater Kings with stolen water.

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It's YOUR job to manage those goals ,professionals and budget and for those professionals do EXACTLY what they are instructed to do by the CLIENT and provide detailed statements that prove that they are doing exactly as ordered.

Quit having meaningless little girl tea parties.

Get a plan and execute that a plan with a time line and documents that formalize an end game and hold them to it.

The endgame is a judgement

and petitioning the court for professionals fees in arrears subtracted from that award.....including Gene Erbs and mine. (or did you think that in some way we owed you years of our lives?)

Quit letting these lazy lawyers change the subject. They are doing everything and anything to make you lose focus.

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Never sue for principle. Only sue for money.

Who gives a flyin' flip if government is cowardly or corrupt? Seriously ?

The cardinal rule of business is:
" get the money "

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When are you people going to demand a Forensic Audit and Quantify the Harm for the (FERC JUDGE)?

Wasn't this supposed to be a Public Use?

On Thursday, July 6, 2017 10:54 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Kogan once told me that the U.N. would get their Agenda 21 because our own political class would sell us out.

<https://sovereigntyproject.com/2017/07/06/senate-poised-approve-massive-agenda-21-style-lan-d-grab/>

On Jul 6, 2017 7:14 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Alan how much "malpractice insurance" would a company like Alpine Research carry? Some of us may not be so confused as you have led folks to believe. Would you happen to know what the statute of limitations would be on forgery of Public Records?

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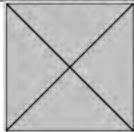
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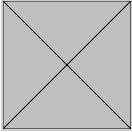
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Customer reply

it has been discharged



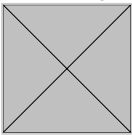
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If the Bankruptcy case has been discharged, the automatic stay is no longer in affect. *Bankruptcy Stat. 362(c)(2)*.

Is there a creditor trying to collect a debt that was discharged in the Bankruptcy?

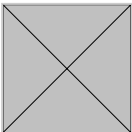
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short answer, yes after discharge, a creditor filed a lawsuit against the debtor to collect the amount owed. the creditor a credit union had recieved notification of the bankruptcy



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This is a violation of the Bankruptcy Code (not a violation of the automatic stay, which is no longer in affect). There is no Statute of Limitations for filing a complaint based on the fact that a creditor is violating the Bankruptcy Code. Such a complaint can be filed *at any time*.

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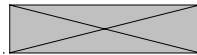
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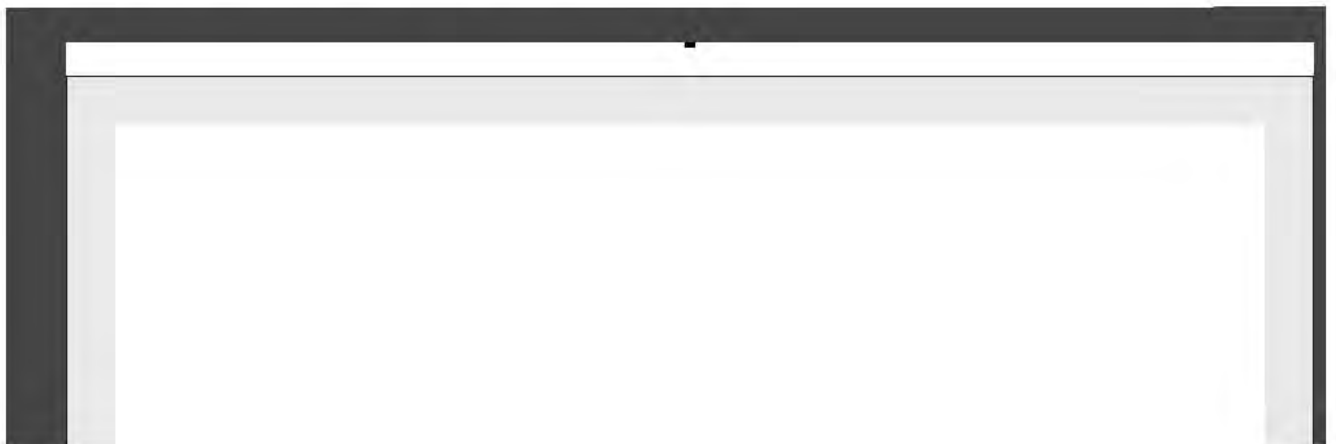
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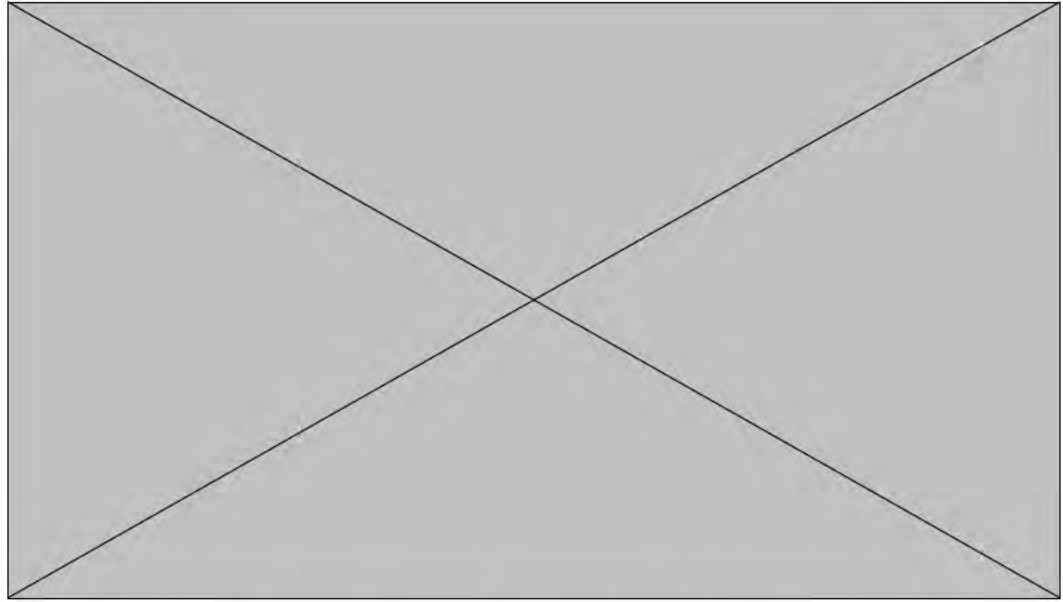
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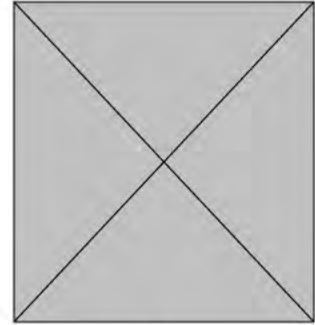
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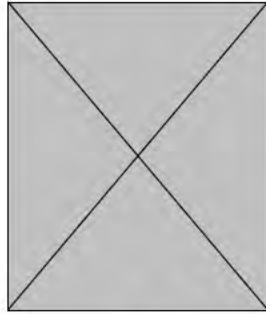


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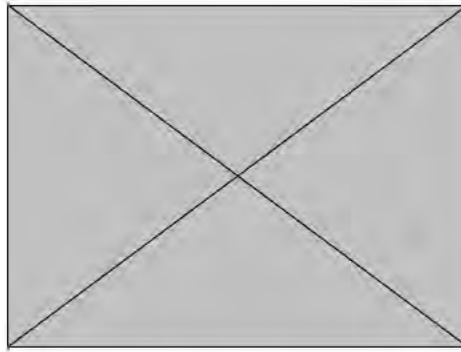
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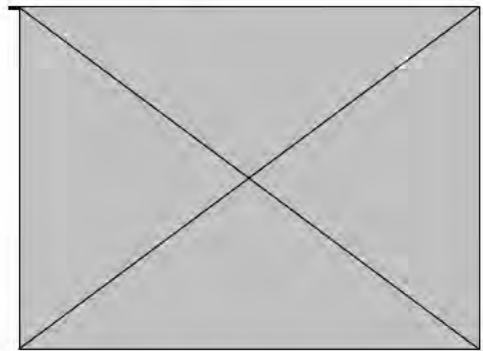
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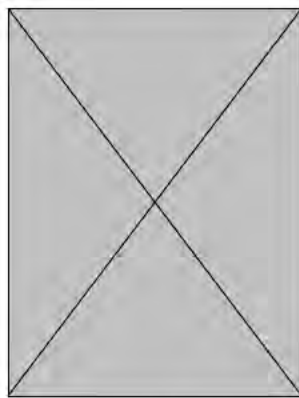
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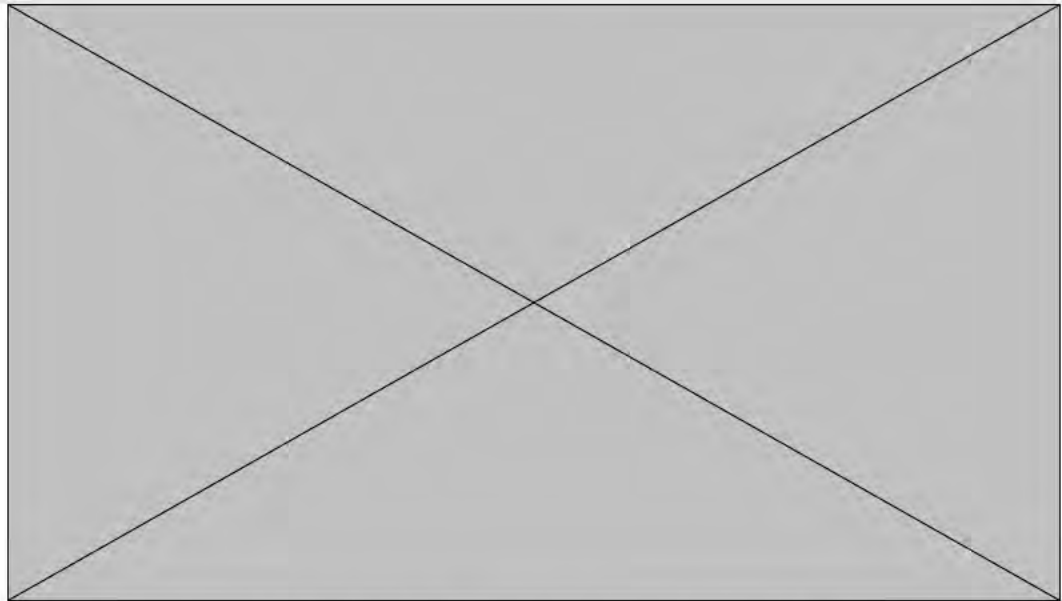
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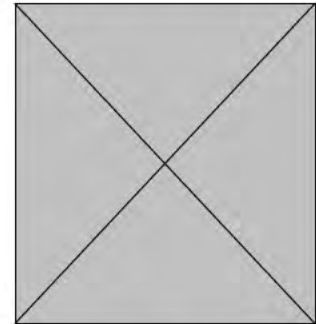
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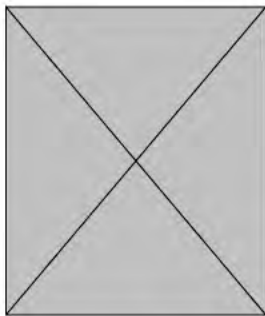
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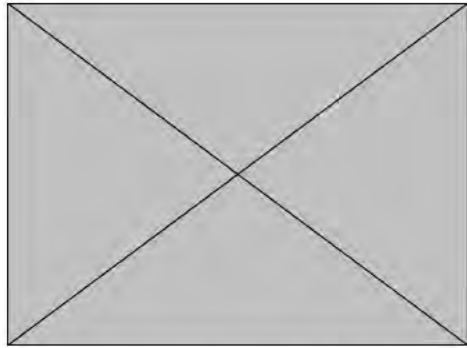
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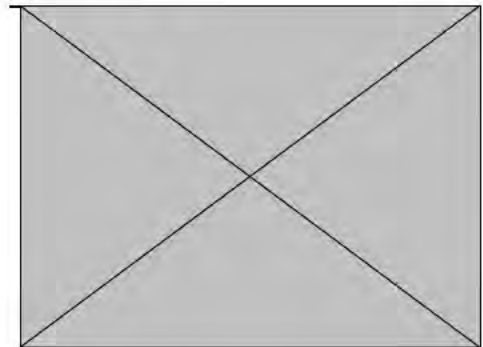
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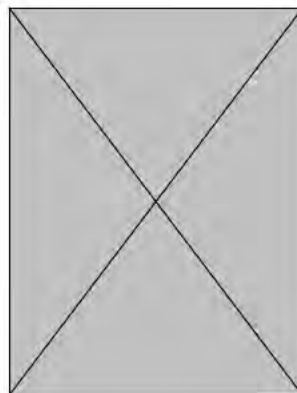
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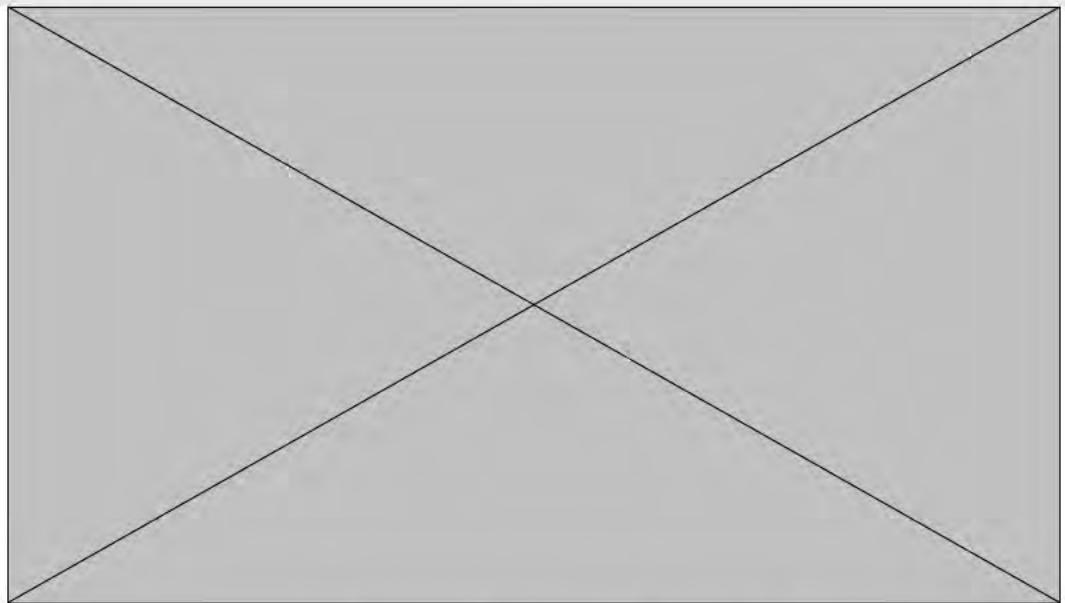
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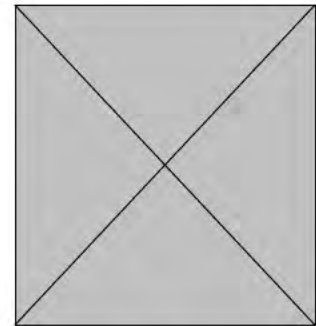
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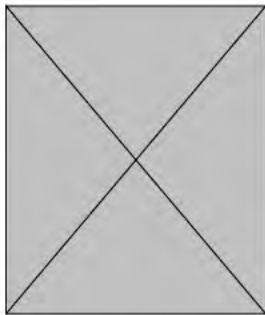
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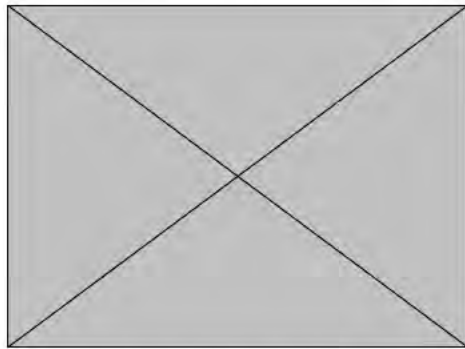
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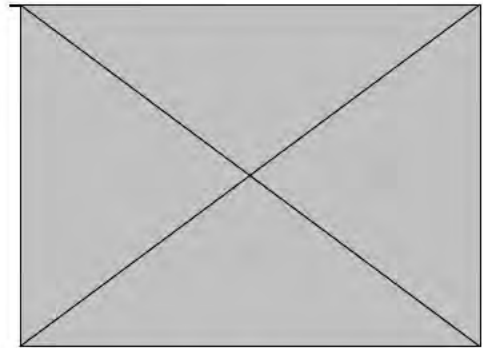
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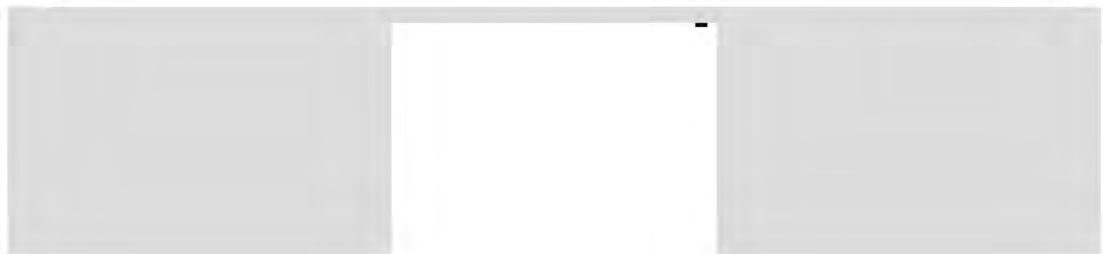
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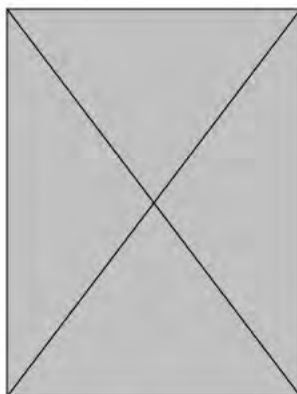


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Alan's, timber and minerals and go back to the Senate Banking committee and tell
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"No. YOU CAN'T STEAL AN ENTIRE ASSET CLASS. "

Fraud in the financial system brought us to this point.
Is your pension safe and performing ok?

The federal reserve is unwinding their balance sheet; is Main Street America going to be ok ?

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1. Robert it appears you may need to start interviewing? I will be listening to the Connecting the Dots this am. Here are some Dots for the Secretary of Interior he may have hired **one** to many!
2. Rocky Mountain Power had a dissolution? I may have had one myself a time or two? Sorry, how could those papers be lost or **removed**?
3. In the lawsuit US v McIntire Pg.3 1st paragraph explains why someone changed the name of the **Project**.

4. 1932 Project History by C.J.Moody

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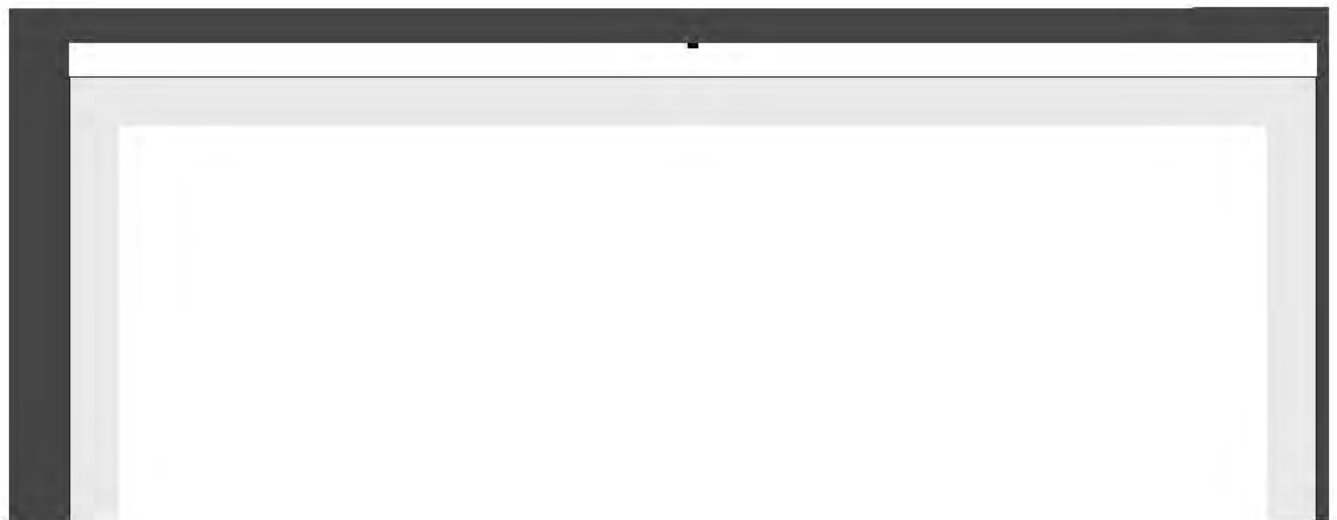
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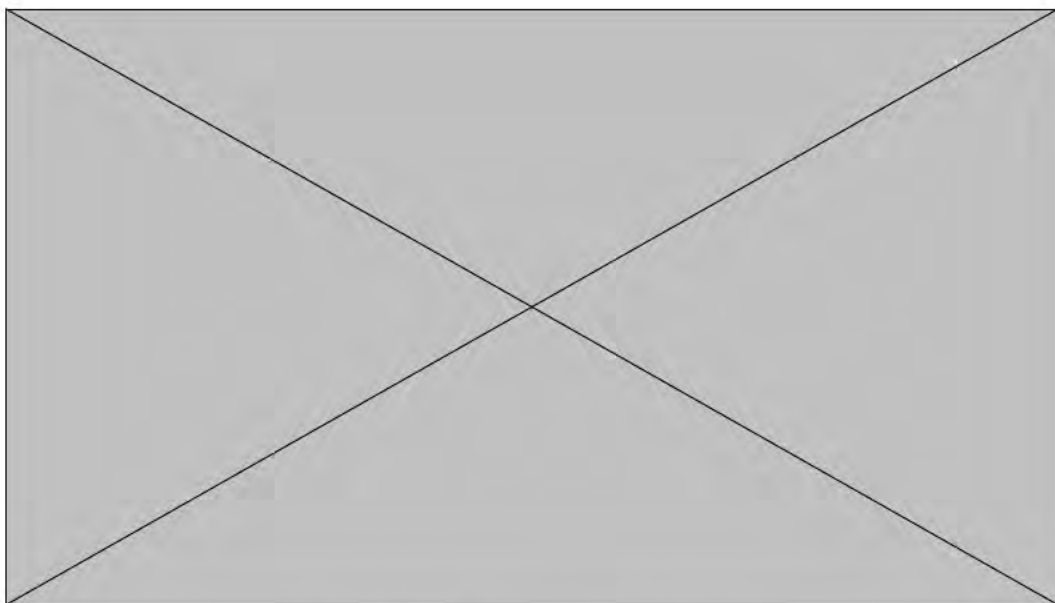
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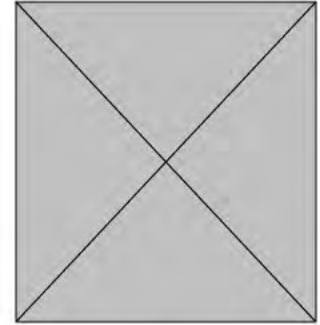
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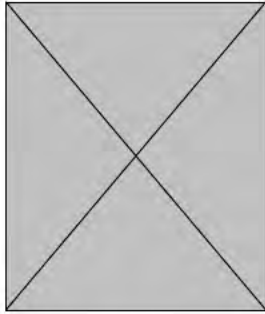


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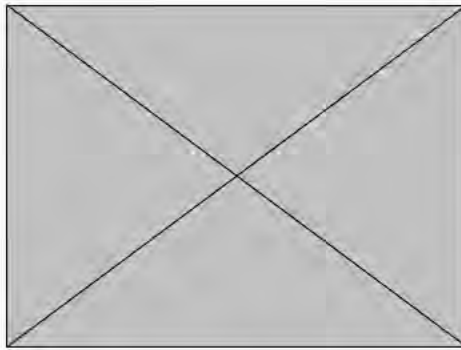
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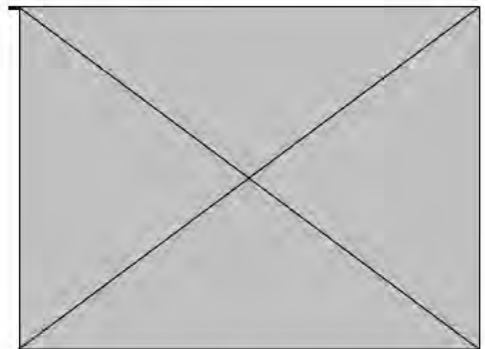
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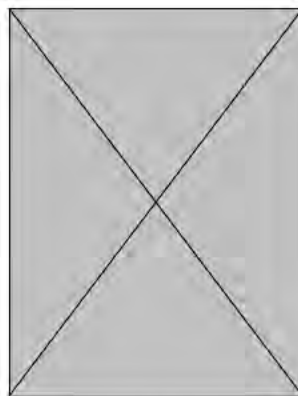
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By then the Fed's knew that we were serious as a heart attack.

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Catherine Austin Fitts has been calling attention to the looting of America since 2009. She calls it a leveraged buy out.

Catherine Austin Fitts loves Montana. She's one of the greatest financial minds in America. So is her former partner at Dillon Read, Charles Ortel who just took down the Clinton Foundation and saved us the nightmare of a Clinton Crime Family Presidency.

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Evidence tampering over the long term as a business model for the Compact will be exposed.

I hope to screen "Enron. The Smartest Guys in the Room " in Kalispell soon and conduct a public question and answer session with the people of Flathead and Lake County and their commissioners and their lawyers.

You are in the jaws of a macro trade.

See you soon and tell Tester that I will force him as a member of the Senate Banking committee to debate this.

I will destroy him in the debates, and you will get 5th Amendment restitution, appropriated in Congress or at the U.S. Court of claims all the way back to 1915.

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Hey guys, Push back from Environmental Defense Center best Jon

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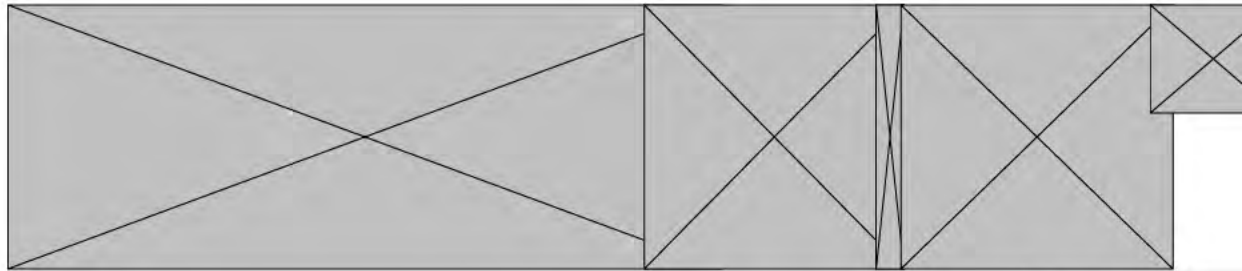
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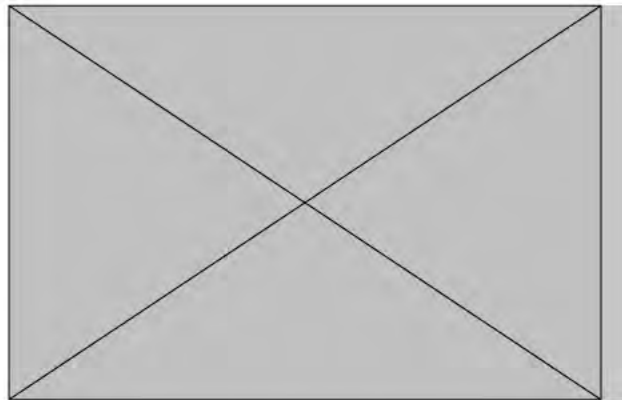
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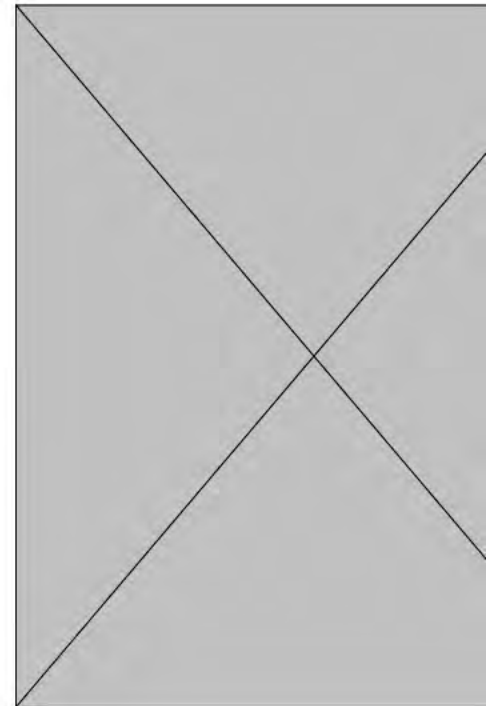


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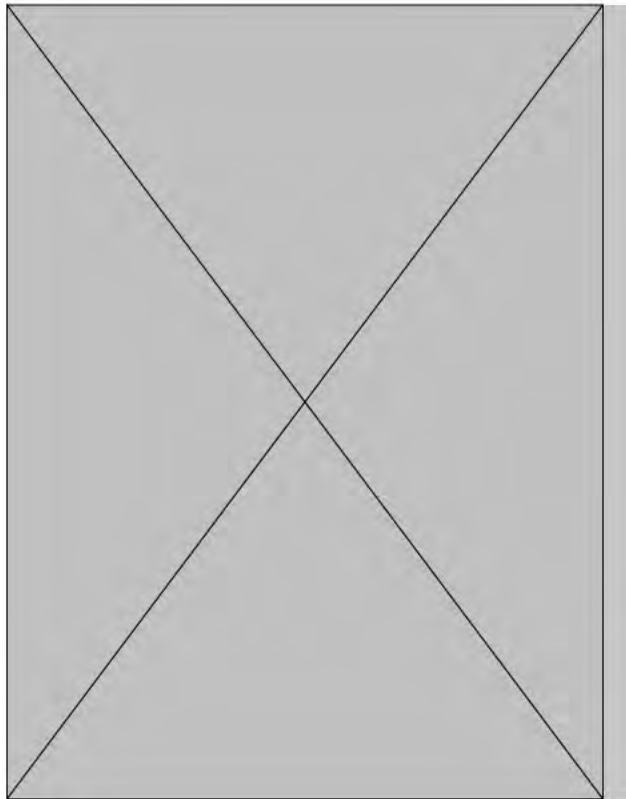
Trump Threatens Channel Island Sanctuary

Included on the sizeable list of national monuments and marine sanctuaries that President Trump wants reviewed is the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, right here in our backyard. The Sanctuary is one of just 14 federally designated Marine Sanctuaries in the US. We need your voice by June 26th, requesting the Trump Administration keeps the current sanctuary boundaries and use restrictions in place for CA's four sanctuaries, protecting against oil and gas development for the benefit of all Californians and the nation as a whole. Ventura County Supervisor, Steve Bennett, is requesting the Board send a letter of their own. Show your support by emailing your supervisor.



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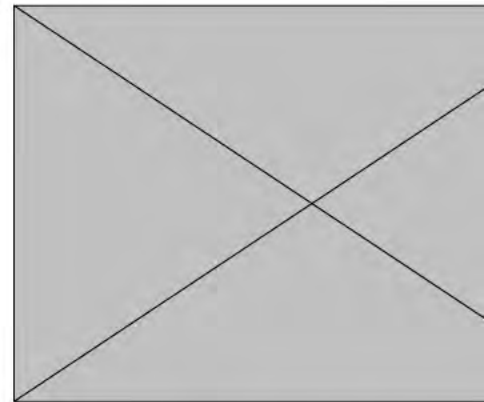
Last Friday, EDC and our client, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper, had a huge win with the court in defeating the federal government's attempt to dismiss our lawsuit over offshore fracking and acidizing. In November, we filed a lawsuit against the federal government for failure to analyze and disclose the potential risks and impacts caused by these activities taking place from oil platforms offshore in southern California, including the Santa Barbara Channel. Last week, the court allowed us to proceed with our case alleging that the federal government violated the Endangered Species Act by not consult with expert wildlife agencies concerning the impacts on at least 25 threatened and endangered species. We are asking the agencies to prepare environmental



EDC Honored as Nonprofit of the Year

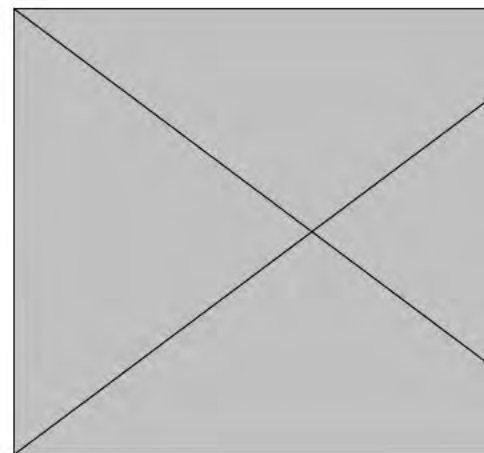
It was a true honor to travel to the State Capitol last month to be presented with the [Nonprofit of the Year Award](#) as part of the celebration of California Nonprofits Day. EDC was selected by State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson as an exceptional nonprofit organization in her 19th Senate District community, and joined by nearly 100 other nonprofit leaders from across the state being honored at the annual event. "For decades, the Environmental Defense Center has been fighting to protect our coast, our water and air quality," Jackson said. "Their work has greatly enhanced the quality of life that all of us hold dear along our Central Coast. For these reasons, I am honored to recognize them as the 19th Senate District's Non-Profit of the Year," she said.

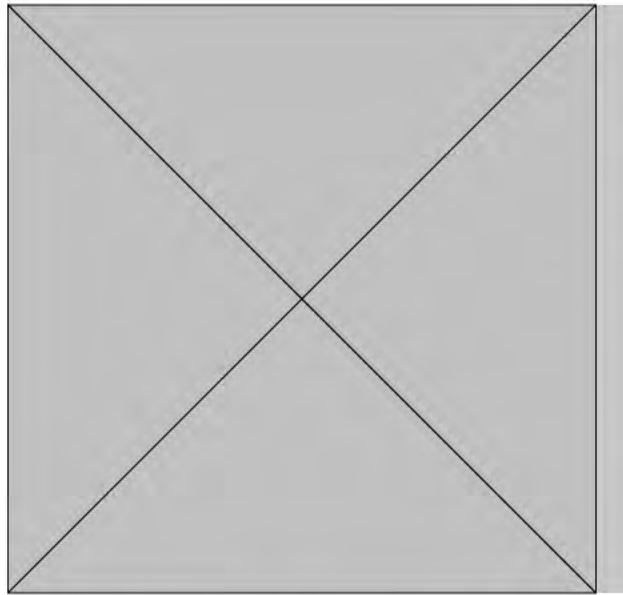
addresses, for example, discharges of toxic chemicals into the marine environment.



EDC Blog Series: Endangered Species

As we continue celebrating our 40th anniversary through our [monthly blog series](#), we take a look at the critical work EDC has done to protect some of our most endangered species with which we share this land. EDC's Watershed Program Director, Brian Trautman, shares through the story of the endangered [southern steelhead trout](#) that lives in the Pacific Ocean and coastal streams from the Santa Maria River to San Luis Obispo. Hislop, Marine Conservation Program Director, discusses EDC's leadership role in developing an innovative program to slow down cargo ships to [reduce fatal ship strikes while reducing air pollution](#). Please take a minute to read these blogs.





City Council Resolution Against Oil & Gas Development

Please join EDC and our partners on Tuesday to support the Santa Barbara City Council resolution for a ban on new drilling and fracking in federal waters off the California Coast. These dangerous practices threaten our marine ecosystems and our coastal communities. As the Trump administration evaluates our national marine sanctuaries for it is critical that we take action at the local level to protect our unique environment and community health. We'll see you next Tuesday!

EDC at Jack Johnson Concert

Many thanks to Jack Johnson and All At Once - his social action network that connects nonprofits with people who want to become active in their local community - for inviting EDC to join them this past Tuesday at the sold out concert at the Santa Barbara Bowl. The Village Green was a buzz with concert-goers stopping by our booth to take action to help stop new oil drilling off our coast and write their state representatives in support of Senate Bill 188. What a motivating night of community action and a great performance by one of our favorite local musicians.

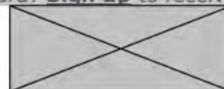


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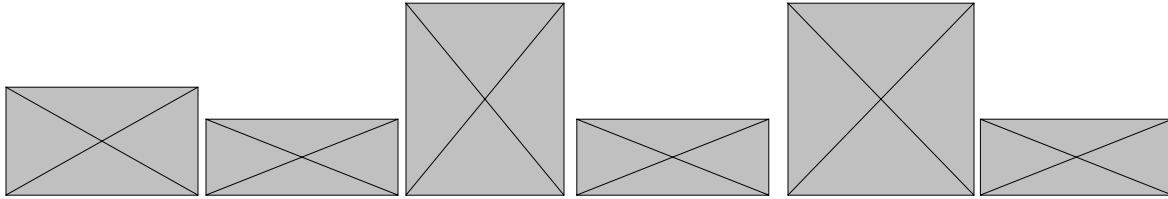
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That race will focus on the water compact, despite the tactical and strategic deception of keeping you mesmerized o the issue specific minutiae of socialized medicine.

Jack Nicholson played Gene Erb in the mystery thriller "CHINATOWN ".

Gene deserves the Medal of Freedom for busting this crime wide open.

See you soon " at the movies ".

Careful Gene : " nosy guys.....lose their noses. "

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The robbing of land is apart of Agenda 2030 and removing people from it. And the creation of at least 11 mega-regions in the US.

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How vulnerable is Senator Jon Tester in today's political climate?

That question currently radiates throughout the Montana political scene as we gear up for yet another "nationally important" statewide race here in Big Sky Country.

Montana's Flat-topped Democratic senior senator has so far managed to defy the odds makers in both of his previous Senate runs. In 2006, he upset 3-term incumbent Conrad Burns to gain the seat. In 2012, he fended off a strong challenge from 6-term U.S. Rep. Denny Rehberg to retain the seat, despite having to share the top of the Democratic ticket with Barack Obama.

But what is the outlook for 2018? The July poll from Morning Consult on the popularity of each U.S. Senator provides some interesting early insight as we head into 2018. In the July poll, Tester polled with an approval rating of 50 percent and a disapproval rating of 39 percent amongst Montana voters. Those might sound like good numbers until you place them in context of the approval ratings for other senators and then compare them to Morning Consult's April numbers.

Despite voter approval ratings that hover somewhere in the neighborhood of rat poison for Congress as a whole, voters typically approve of their own senators and representatives. Tester's disapproval rating of 39 percent is the 4th highest in the Senate. Tester's counterpart, Republican Steve Daines, received a 53 percent approval rating and a 30 percent disapproval rating in the poll.

Since the inauguration of Donald Trump, the media would have us believe that Republicans are under siege nationwide. The narrative says that Donald Trump, in general, and the healthcare debate, in particular, are dragging down the Republican Party and an anti-GOP backlash is brewing amongst voters.

Maybe that is happening in other places, but what does the data say about Montana? If we compare the July poll to Morning Consult's April poll, we find that Tester's popularity has seen a 14 point negative swing in his popularity. In April, Tester was at 57 approve, 32 disapprove. After 7 months of dogged opposition to Trump and the GOP agenda, he finds himself significantly less popular. Daines has also seen his popularity slip, but by a far less dramatic 4 point swing, from 55 approve/28 disapprove to 53/30.

All of this despite the fact that Daines has been the senator under constant criticism and attack from the media, Democratic party, special interest groups, and liberal activists since January 20th. Despite the noise, it's Tester who voters appear to be moving away from.

Clearly, the "anti-Trump backlash" that is supposed to be materializing against the Republican Party is not materializing in Montana and that is bad news for Tester. We saw some of this in May when Greg Gianforte, an unbelievably flawed candidate, was able to win the special election for Montana's House seat by a comfortable margin.

Tester finds himself in a battle .

Tester is very beatable.

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I founded Regulatory Lawfare Relief in 2015

<https://www.technocracy.news/index.php/2017/07/12/united-nations-urges-governments-take-water-resources/>

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Yo Dick you were at the White House in this era, who was on the Friends Committee on National Legislation? Looks like these Friends may have helped themselves to the Reclamation Funds? How do you protect a **Individuals Private Property** when the US Senate has been the (Drifting Funds Act) to the (BIA)? God Damm Dick I bet you know all about the Water Rights that have been **Drifting** to the Government also . Not to mention the minerals that must have went on a (DRIFT) also you will find that on the 1908 Plat Map? Dick any idea's about the (BIG DRIFT) or "Montana Power" bankruptcy during Governor Brian Schweitzer's helm?

On Tuesday, November 15, 2016 2:37 PM, Richard Erb <richarderb@montana.com> wrote:

Gene

At yesterday's FID meeting I reported that the US Senate passed a bill (Drift Act) that would shift some funds from the US Bur of Rec to the BIA Safety of Dams program. Senator McCain was one of the authors of the bill. That bill will go to the US House of Rep.

This bill recognizes that the BIA Safety of Dams program is significantly underfunded given the large number of dams covered by the BIA program (131). I do not think the bill has anything to do with the two (early 1940s) court orders you mention.

Let me add that the BIA Safety of Dams program on this reservation is managed by the CSKT. Over the last decade this CSKT program has been able to maintain and rehabilitate dams (15) on this irrigation project with no cost to irrigators. The current major rehabilitation project is Crow Dam.

Dick Erb

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Subject: Alan did you have a Fiduciary Responsibility to protect everyone's "WATER RIGHTS"
?

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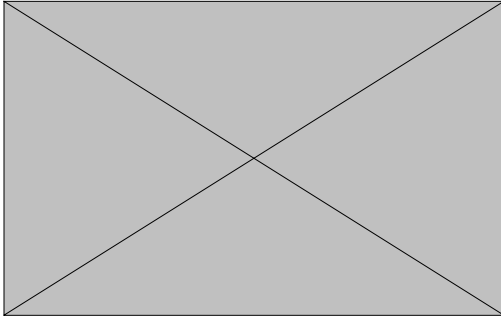
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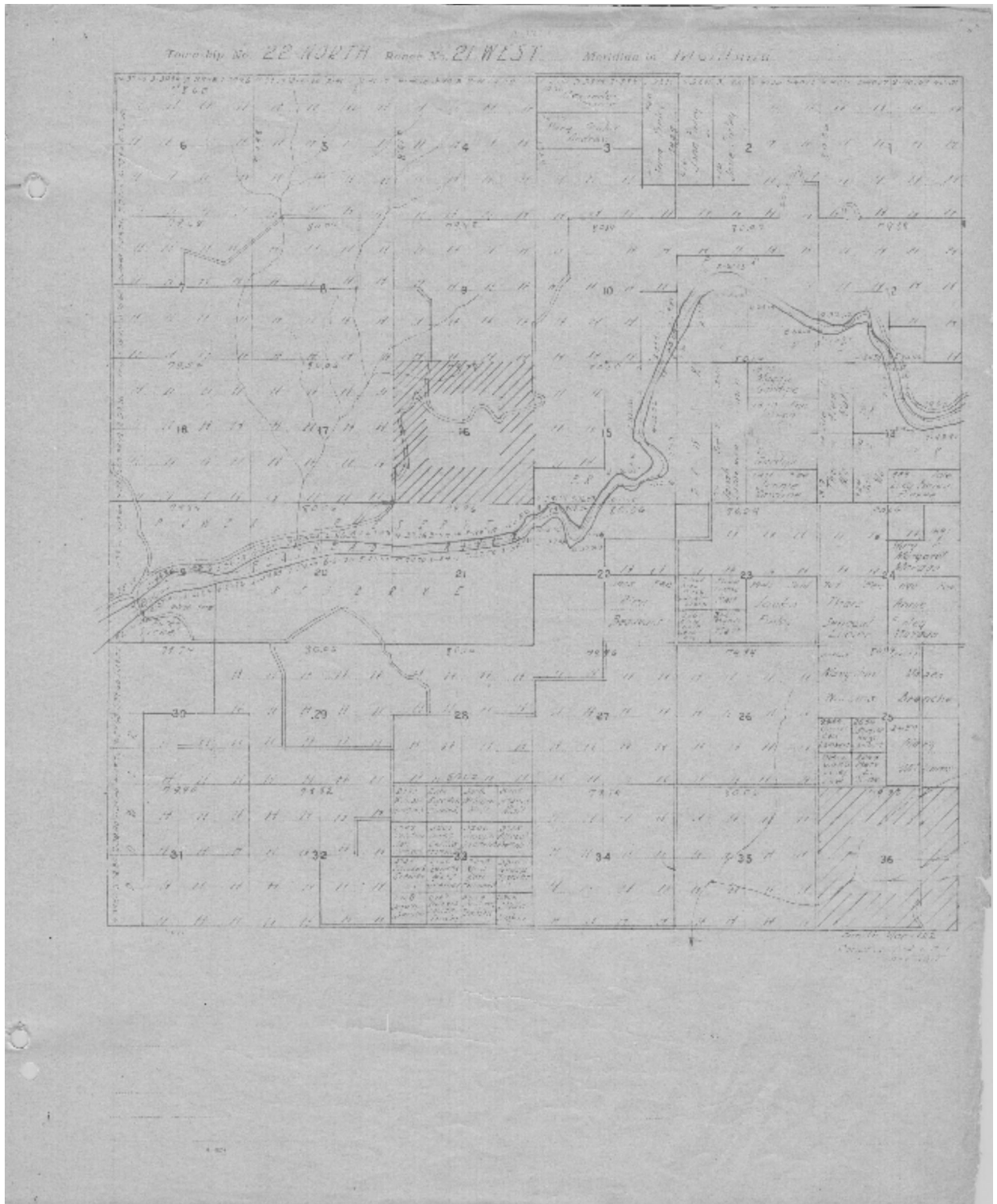
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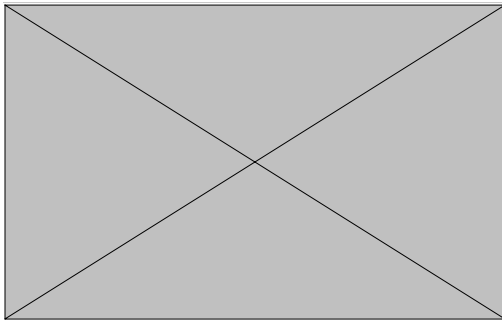
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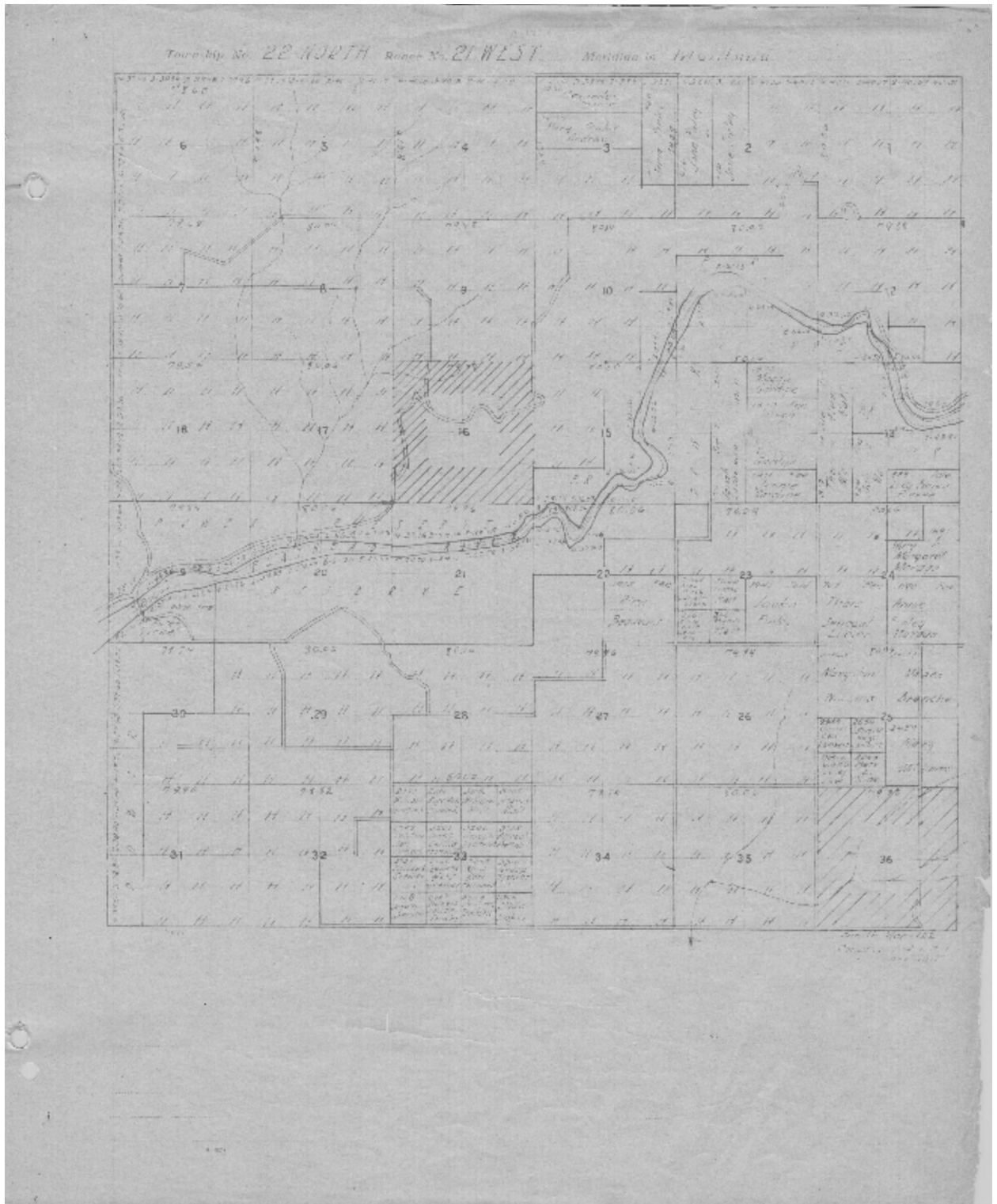
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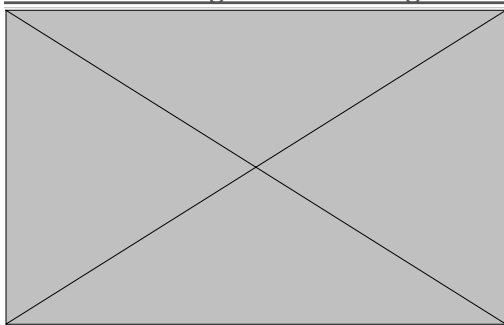
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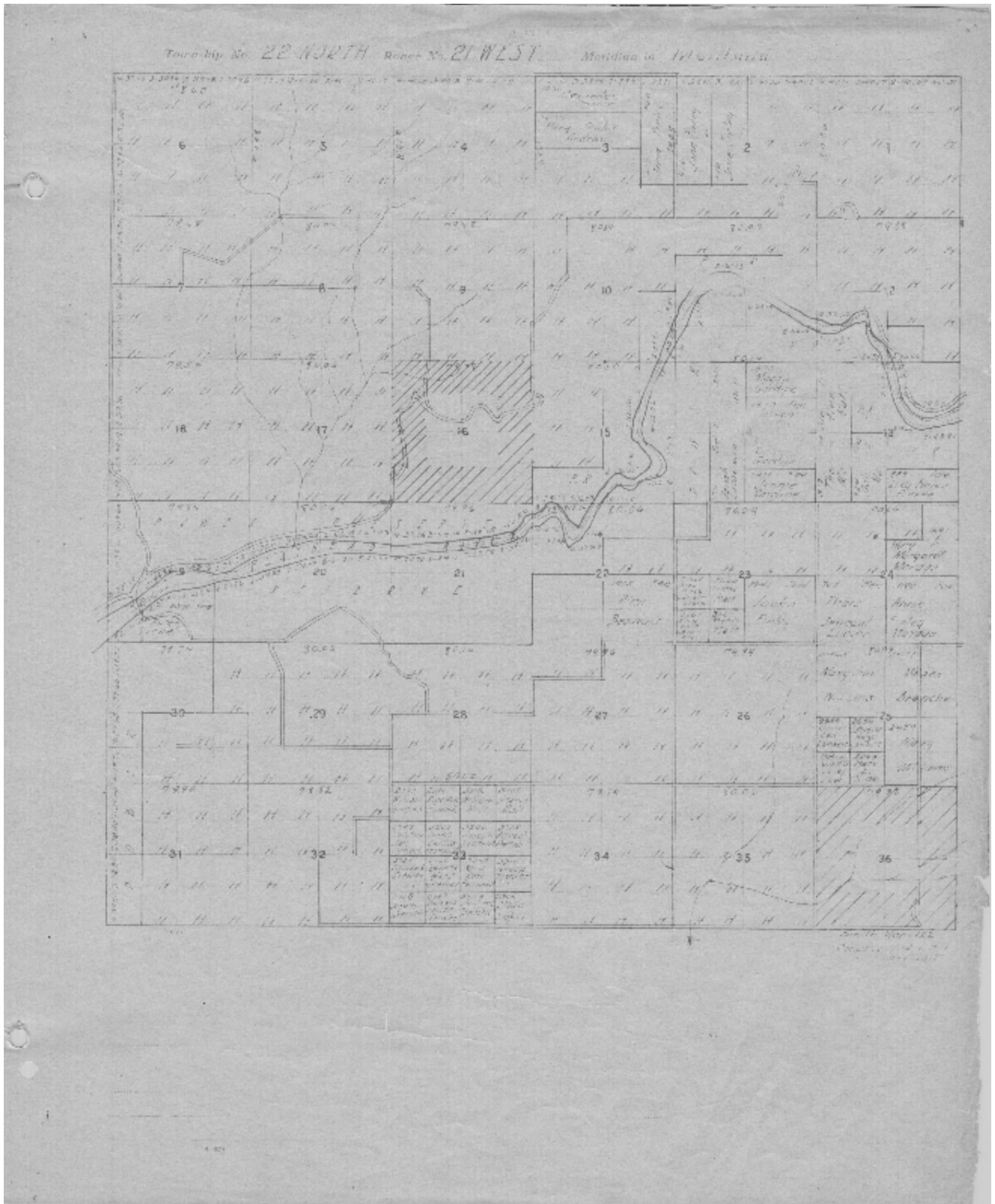
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Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

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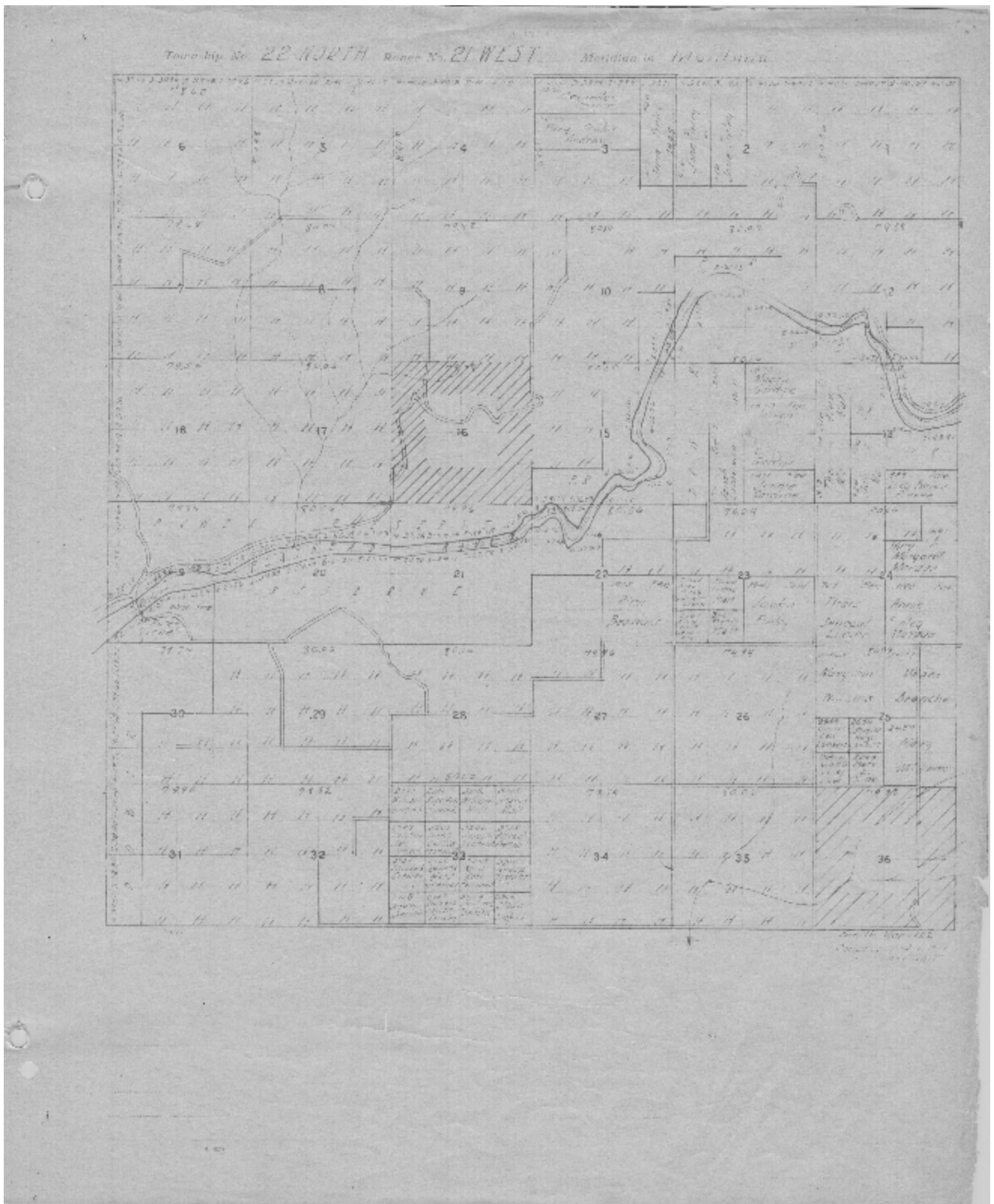
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(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

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On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

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Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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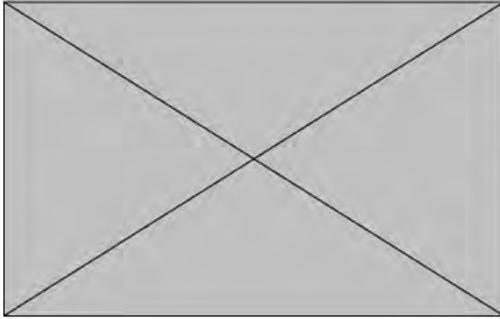
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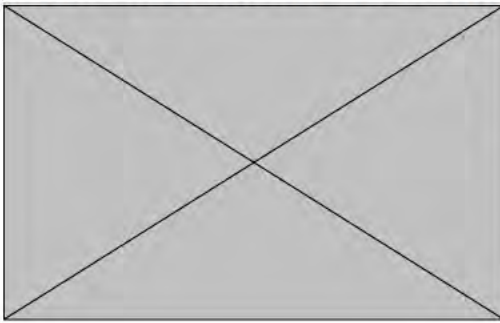
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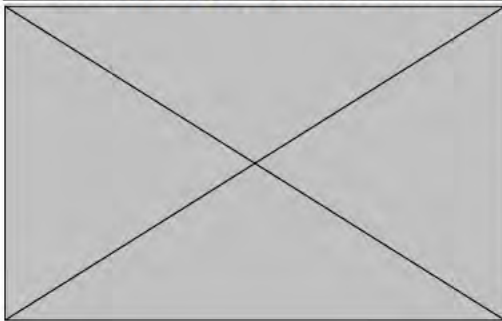
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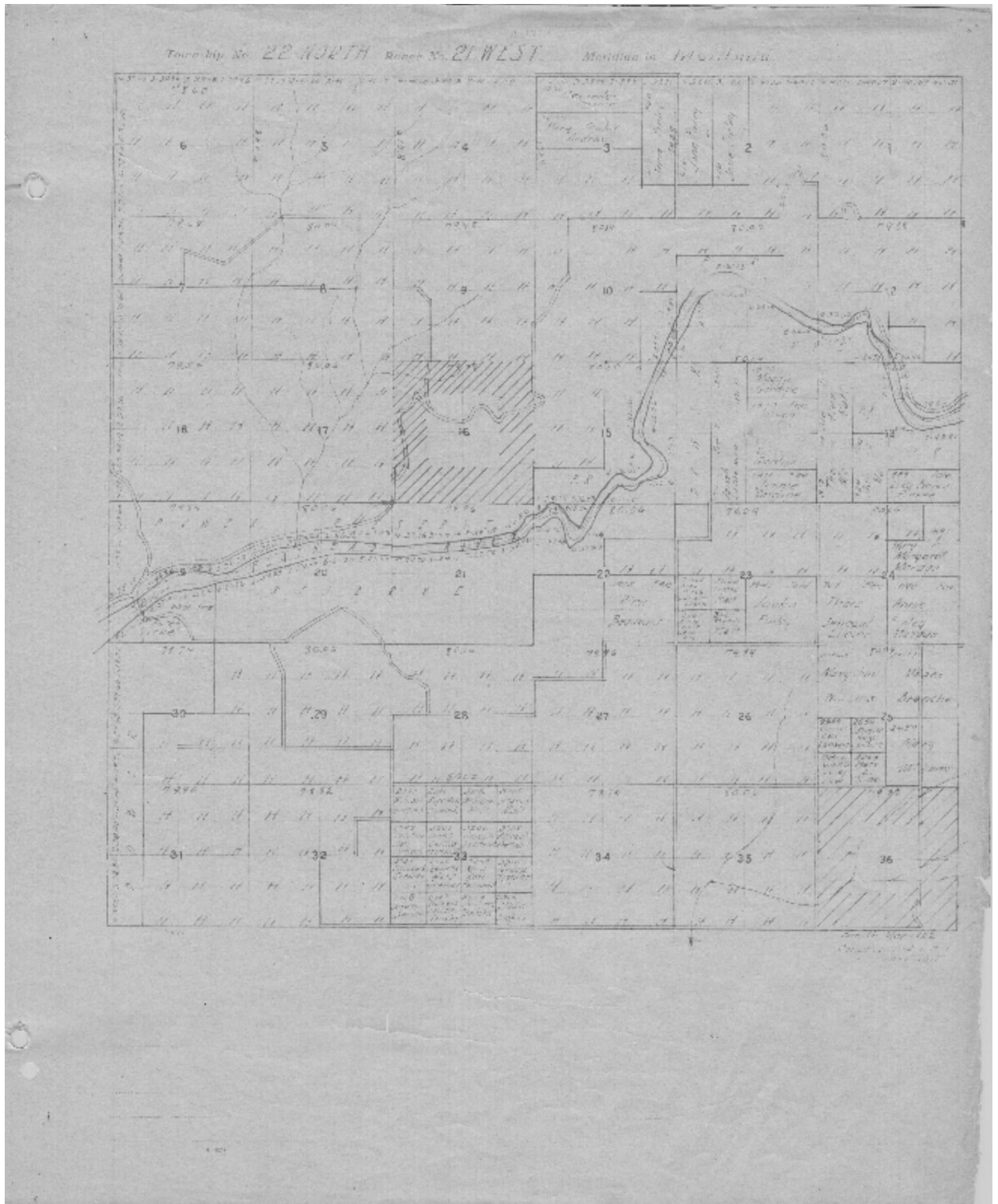
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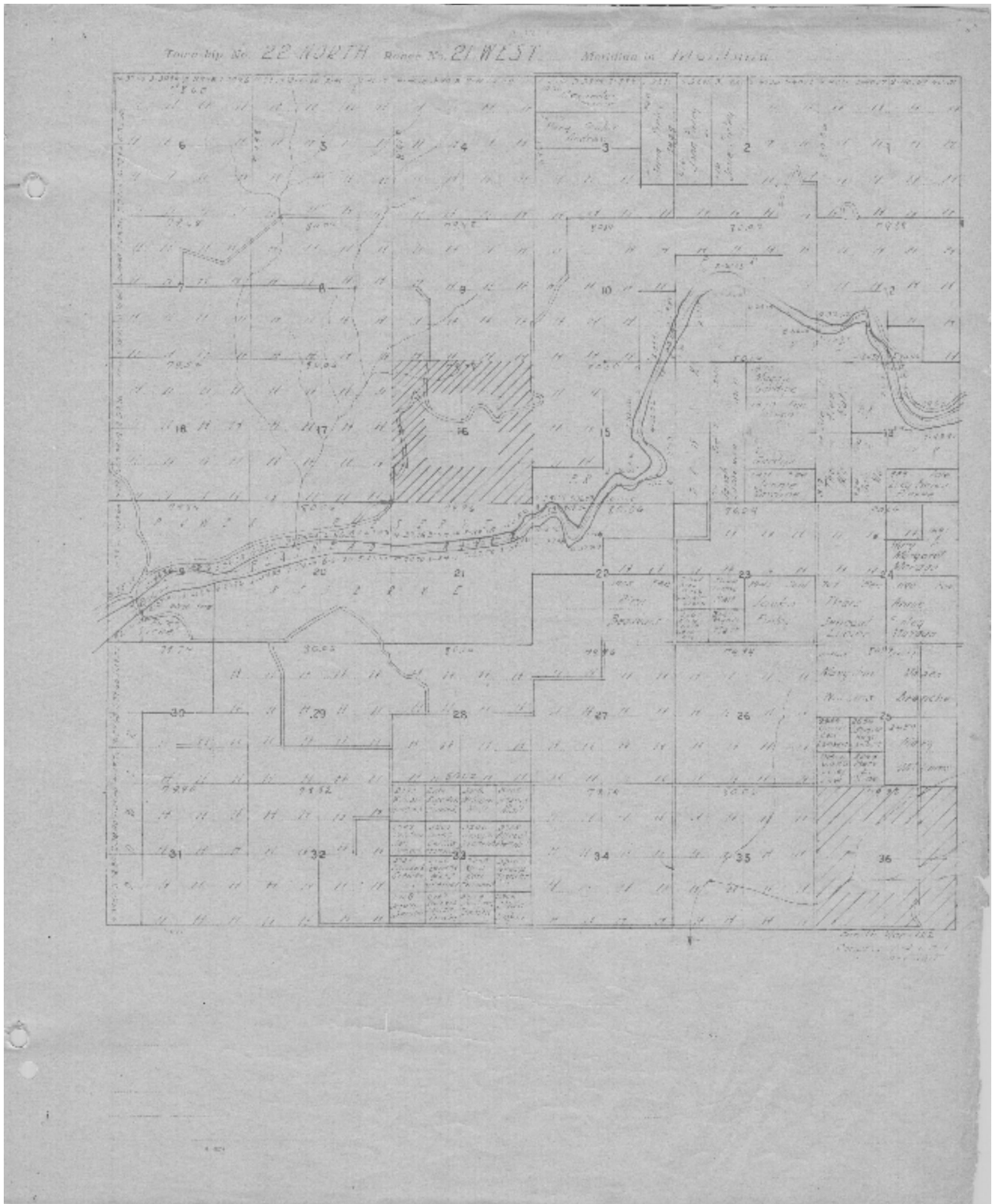
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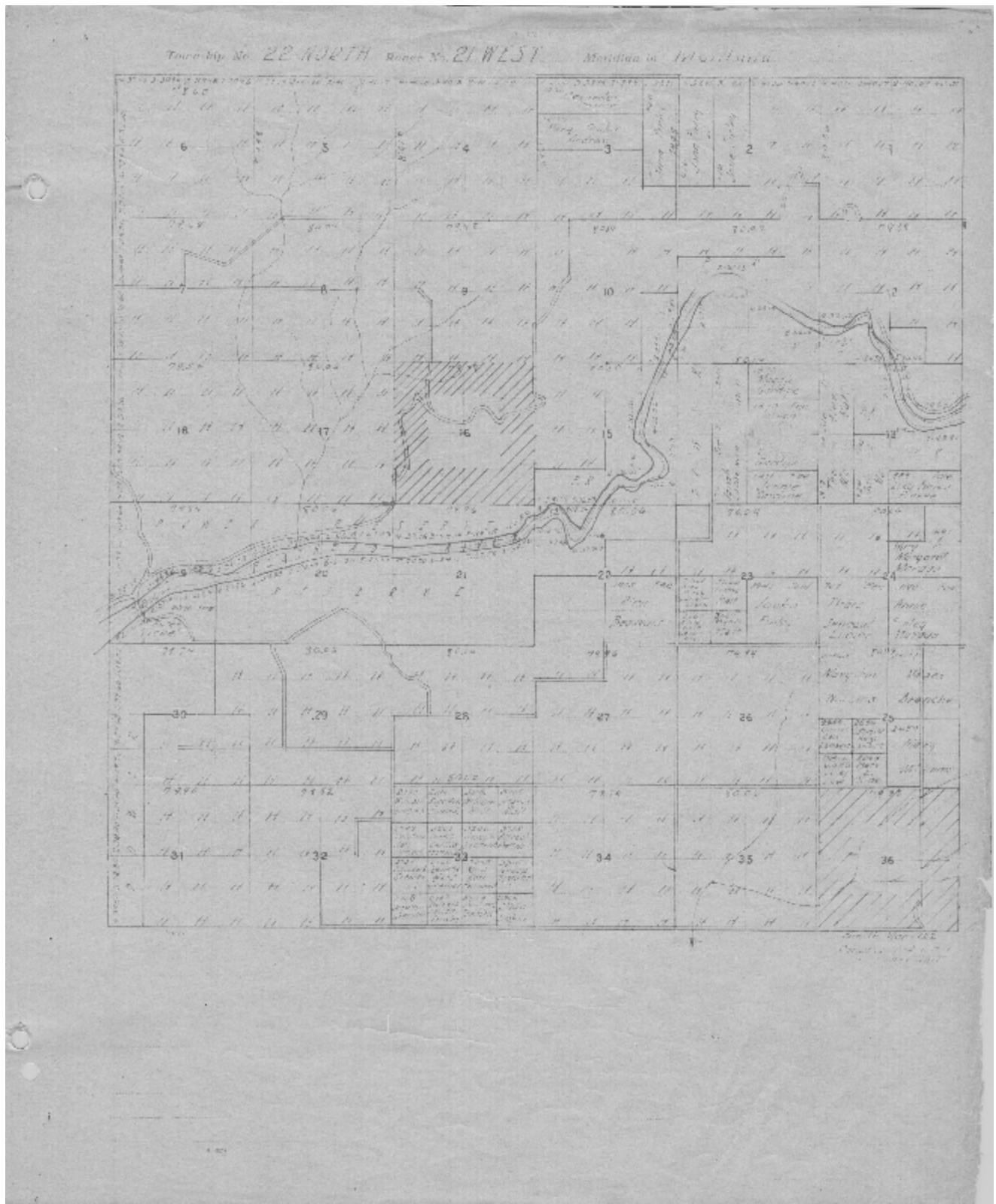
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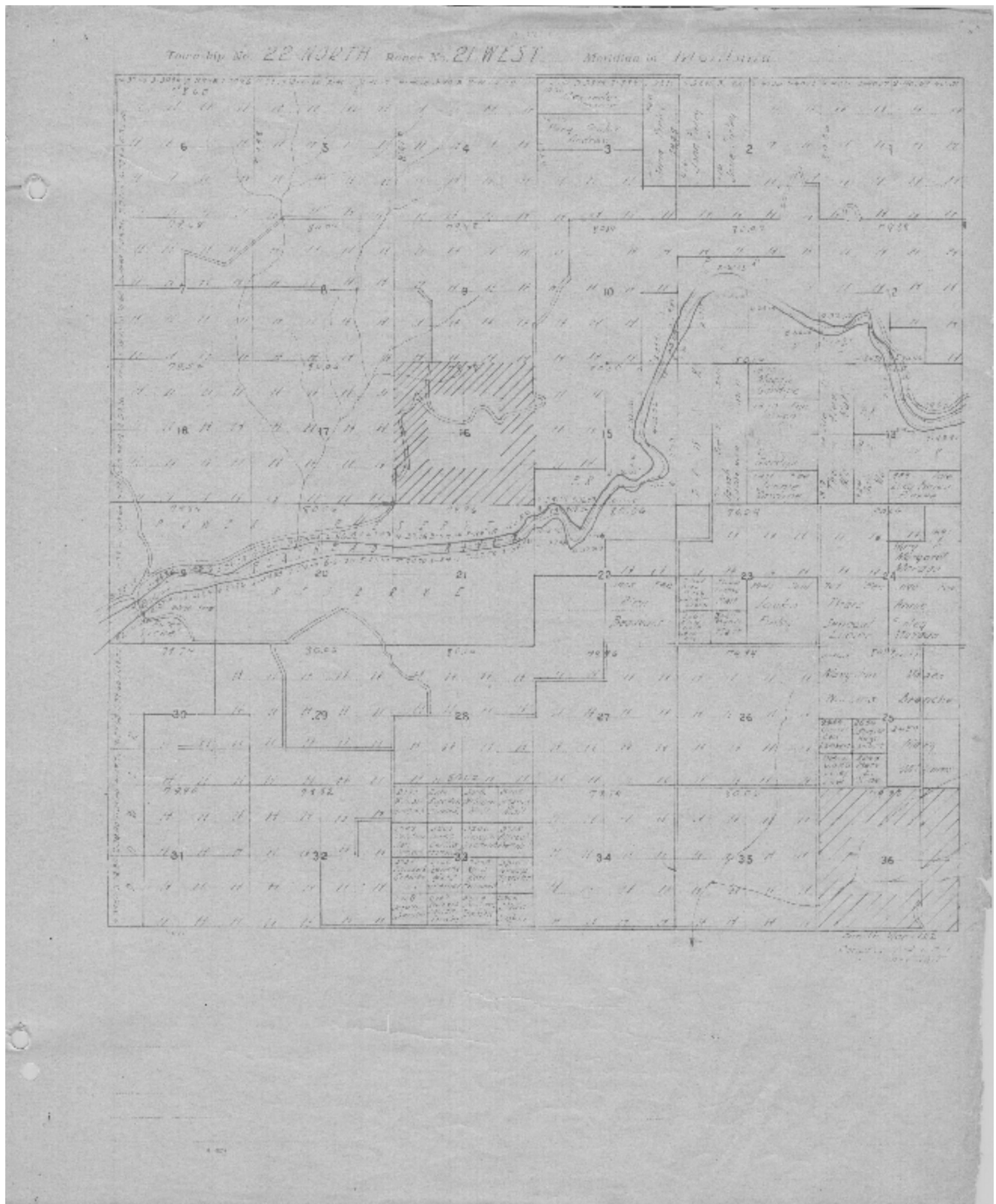
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If they'll steal your water,electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

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Now you know why the DEEP STATE is in a panic attack to steal your private property

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Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

On Jun 30, 2017 8:30 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?
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They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the "G Men" caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

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The Question is: What is the quantification of the HARM?

1. Quantification Scope: Lost Water Rights, Lost Jobs, Lowered Incomes, Population Displacement, Lowered Business Activity, Reduced Farm Income and equipment sales, Decline in Economic Potential, Increase in Crime. Quantification is measured in dollars and other factors including quality of living.
2. Quantification Assessment A credible sourcing would naturally be Montana State University Bozeman - Ag Economics taking the lead. A Principle Investigator would be identified to produce a planning document and a proposed budget. This would likely be a multi-year project. (The Koch Bros. have established a long term endowment to bolster the MSU Ag Economics Department.)
3. Congressional legislation usually neglects impact quantification and assessments. This judicial demand for one must be addressed with a credible construct for one. All parties should agree that this would be a significant precedent to quantify HARM in any legislation.

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Then elect me to the U.S Senate in order to insure that those who have been harmed, both individual and government entities are paid.

I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders ".

You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

P.S.

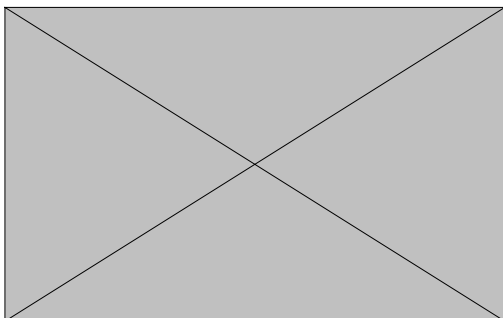
For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

<http://freerangereport.com/index.php/2017/06/25/scotus-rules-landowners-have-no-recourse-when-government-regs-undermine-property-values/>



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Robert if one individual could only purchase 160 acres under the Homestead Act, and had to prove up on it prior to receiving a Patent, Rocky Mountain Power sends J.E. Bell to file on the Flathead River prior to the 1920 Federal Power Act. Thanks to Rick B. for the (Opening and Sales of Indian Lands) the Villa sites were Auctioned off in 1915. And the State of Montana (DNRC) involved with the Theft also, we are lucky there are honest hard working people that helped with the information from them also.

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On Monday, June 19, 2017 3:22 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Yo, Steve

GIVE THE FJB a written legal opinion as to WHY a forensic audit

(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

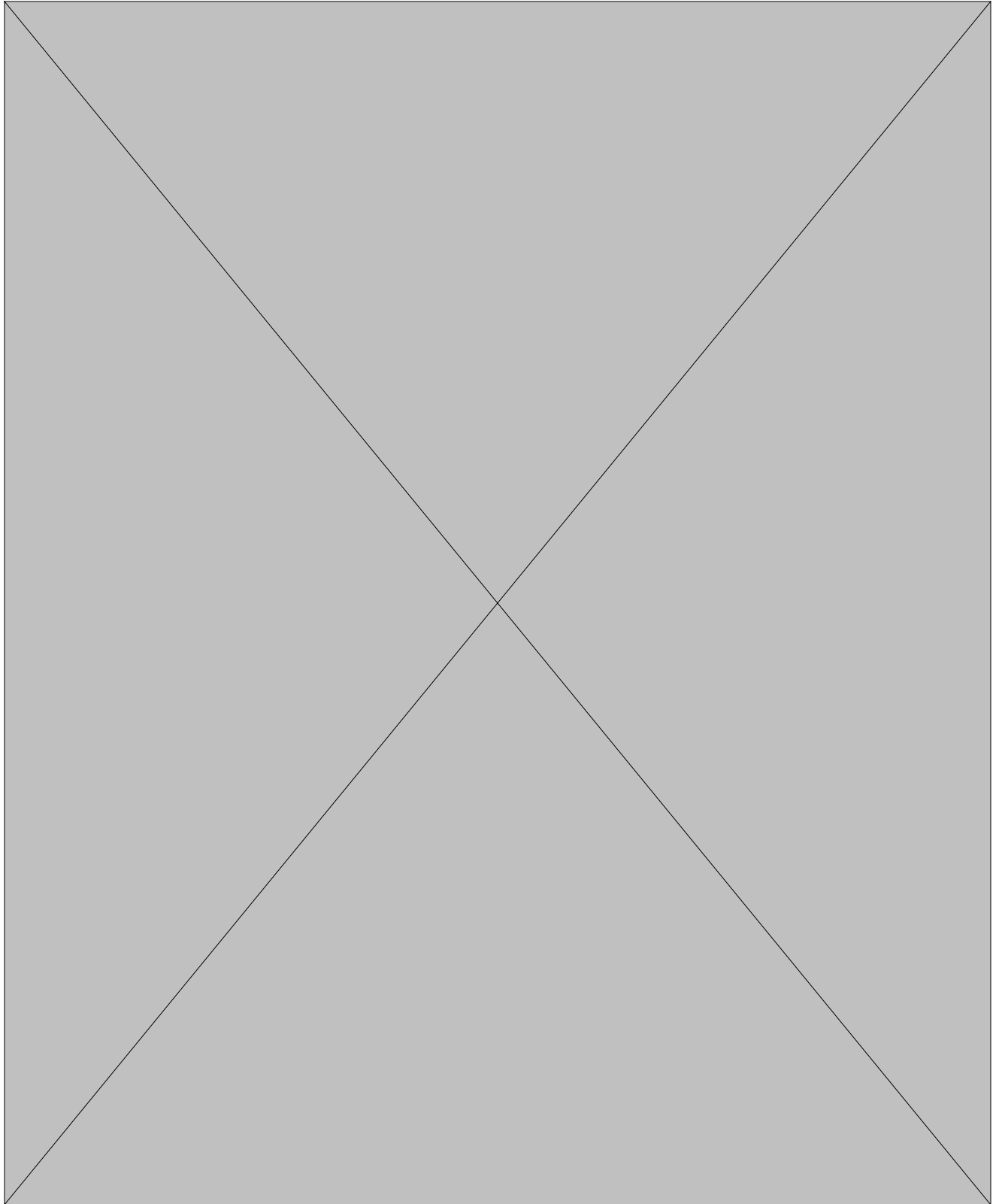
You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

I will be out of the office and on travel status from June 3 through June 10, working in our Mid-Pacific Region. I will try to return calls and emails when I have the appropriate facilities to do so. If you have an immediate concern that needs attention, please contact Grayford Payne or Dan Durbay in the Commissioner's Office.

Robert

you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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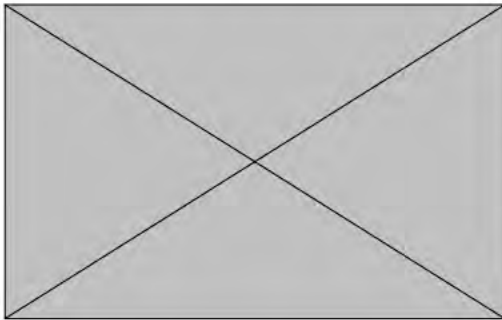
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Yo, Steve

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(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

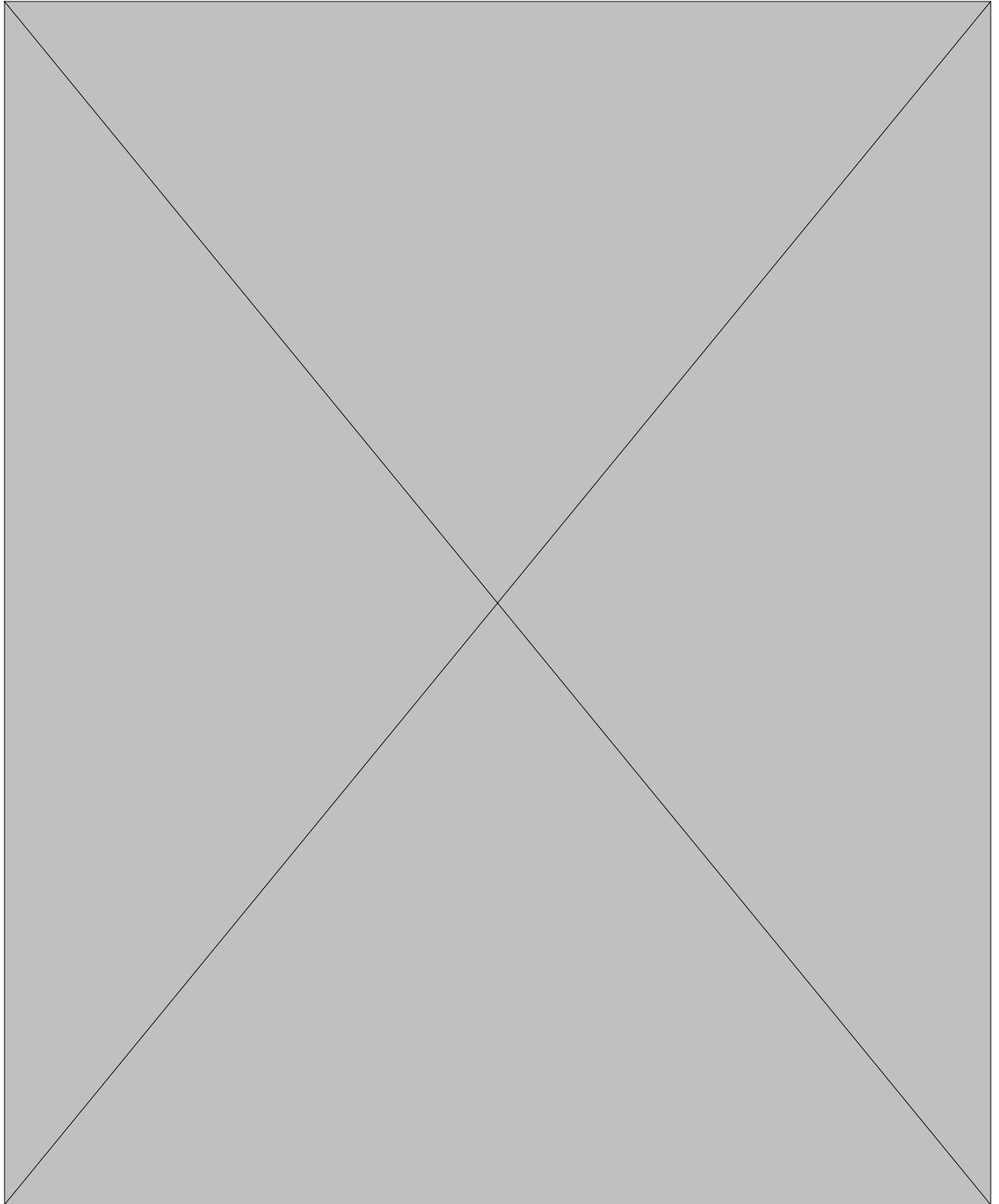
You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

I will be out of the office and on travel status from June 3 through June 10, working in our Mid-Pacific Region. I will try to return calls and emails when I have the appropriate facilities to do so. If you have an immediate concern that needs attention, please contact Grayford Payne or Dan Durbray in the Commissioner's Office.

Robert you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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I attended the Flathead Joint Board meeting on Tuesday

A series of FELONIES and securities fraud since 1923 has been committed by the likes of John D. Ryan
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Cornelius Kelly

The original " pump and dumpers" who caused the Crash of 1929 and 12 years of ensuing Depression.

I have the primary EVIDENCE to prove it, thus demanding 5th Amendment takings clause restitution for Montana.

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Watch Steve Bannon Generation Zero! Senator Robert T Fanning will finish his term in the US Senate as the champion of the Forgotten Man! He will bring back more money to the state of Montana than all the Senators combined since 1889, when Montana became a state! He is

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On Aug 12, 2017 7:25 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert thanks for the time you spent this past week and leaving the the movie the **(Smartest Guys in the Room)** after we went over the 1923 bond indenture with Ryan and Kelly of Anaconda Copper we had put this together a while back? Here you will find the crash of 1929 from **Con Kelley** the attorney, maybe the same inside job in modern day times. John D. Ryan purchased Northwestern Development Co. in 1912 or 13 from Edward Donlan. If I were an elected Commissioner on any Irrigation District in the West, you may want to pick out the rotten **(SPUDS)**?

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<http://themillenniumreport.com/2017/07/14-3-quadrillion-lien-taken-against-all-u-s-land-real-estate-and-people-on-july-28-2011/>

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<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2017/08/us-health-care-reform-debate-not-address.html>

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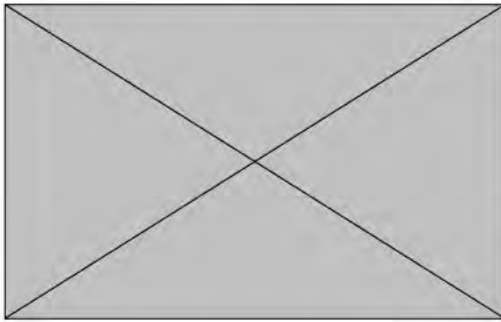
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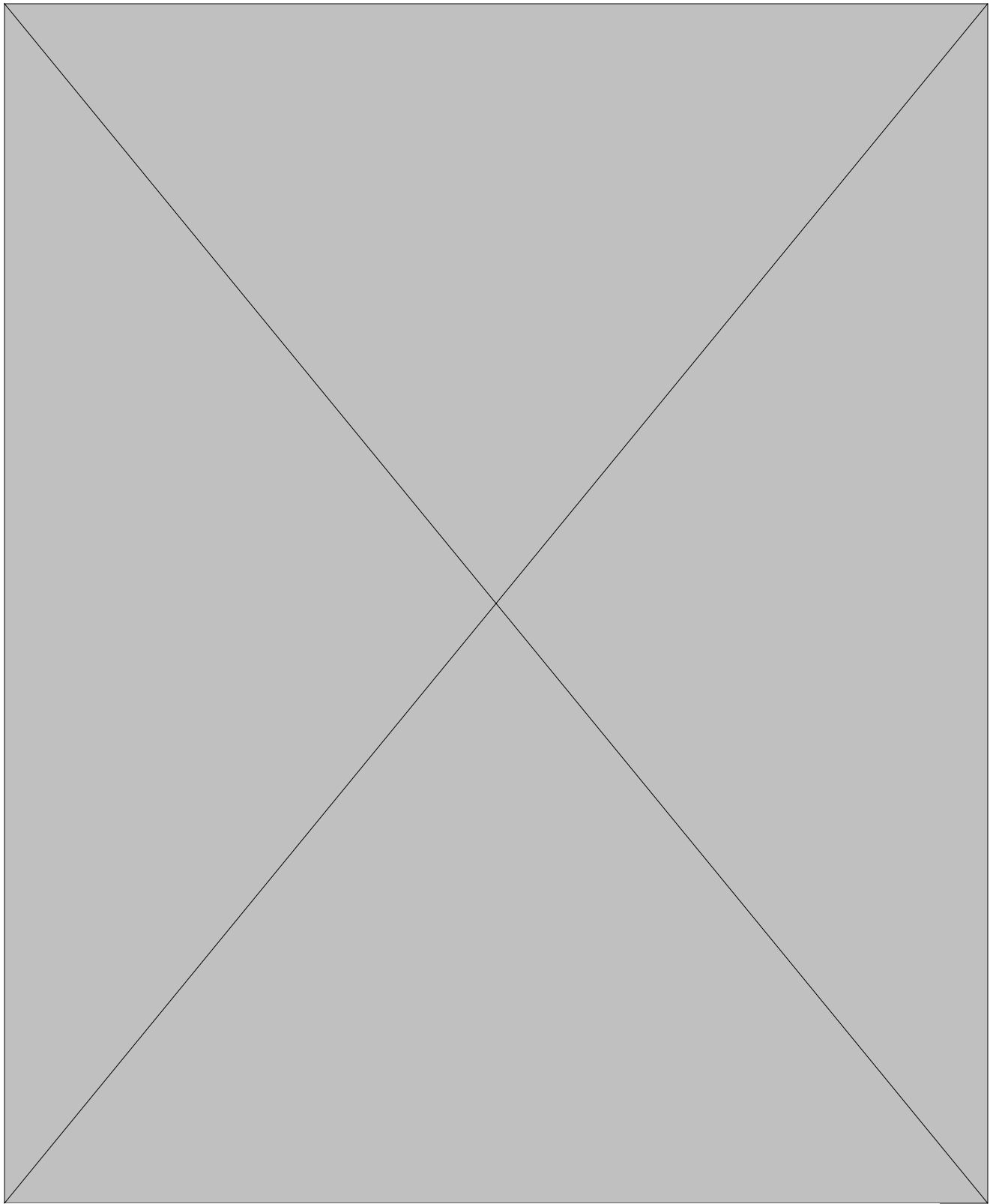
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2. Chas Vincent and his Daddy Bruce Vincent and cousin Commissioner Dave Vincent may be able to explain this to the FBI.
3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???
4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

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In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

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If they'll steal your water,electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

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Now you know why the DEEP STATE is in a panic attack to steal your private property

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Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

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They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the " G Men " caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

On Jun 28, 2017 12:14 AM, "Mike Horn" <(b) (6)> wrote:

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1. Quantification Scope: Lost Water Rights, Lost Jobs, Lowered Incomes, Population Displacement, Lowered Business Activity, Reduced Farm Income and equipment sales, Decline in Economic Potential, Increase in Crime. Quantification is measured in dollars and other factors including quality of living.
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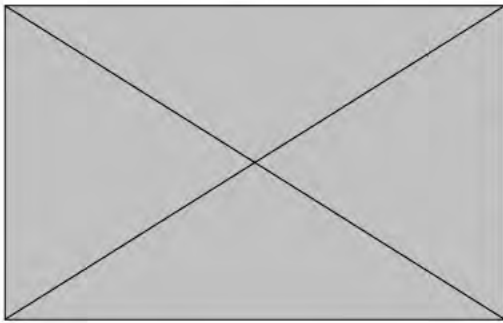
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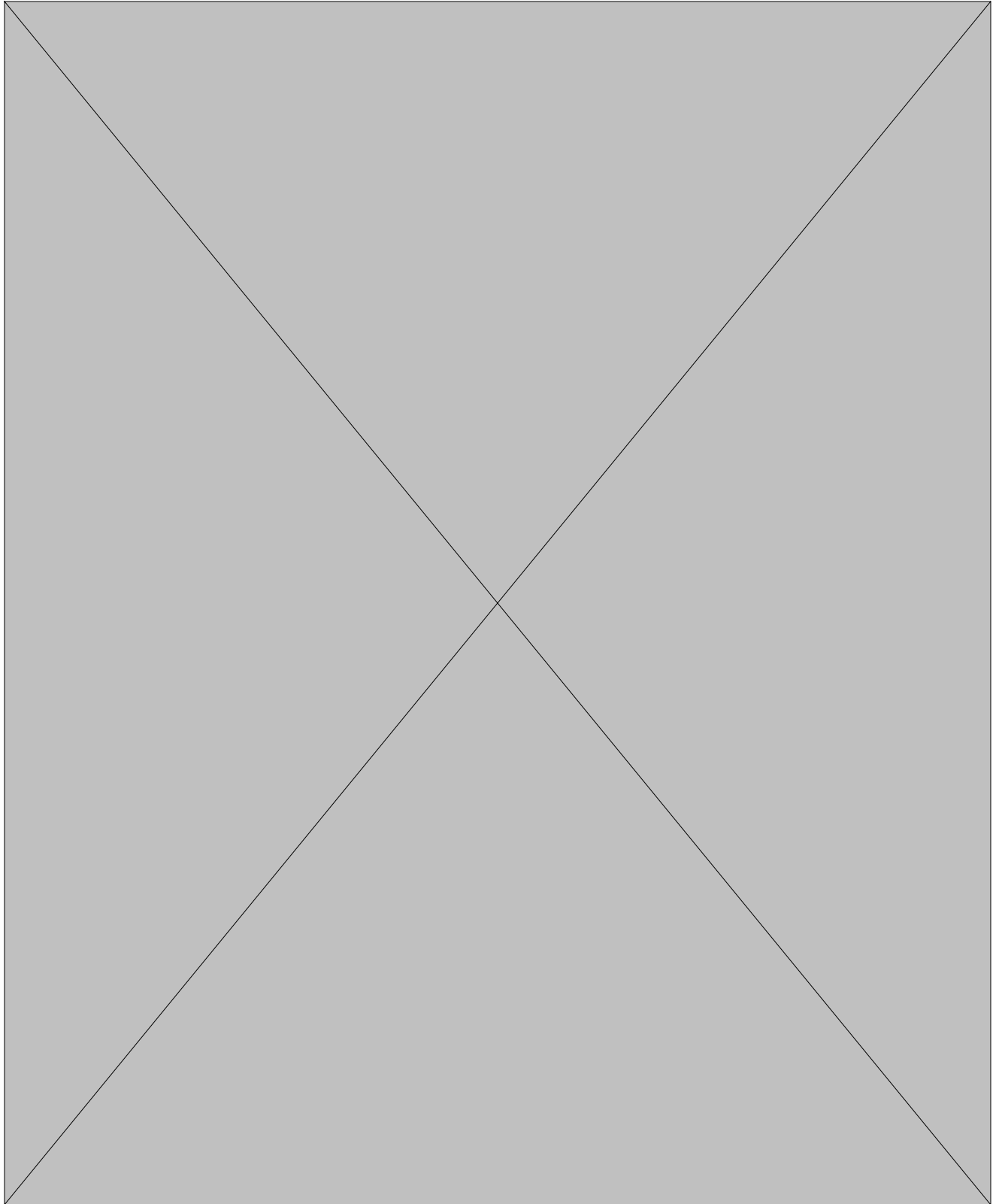
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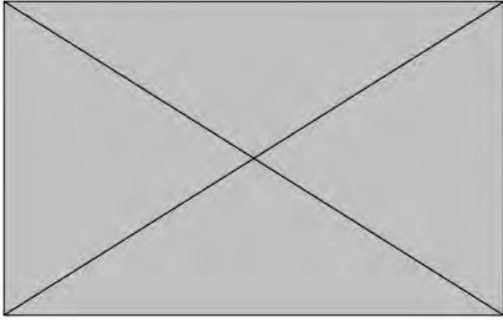
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Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

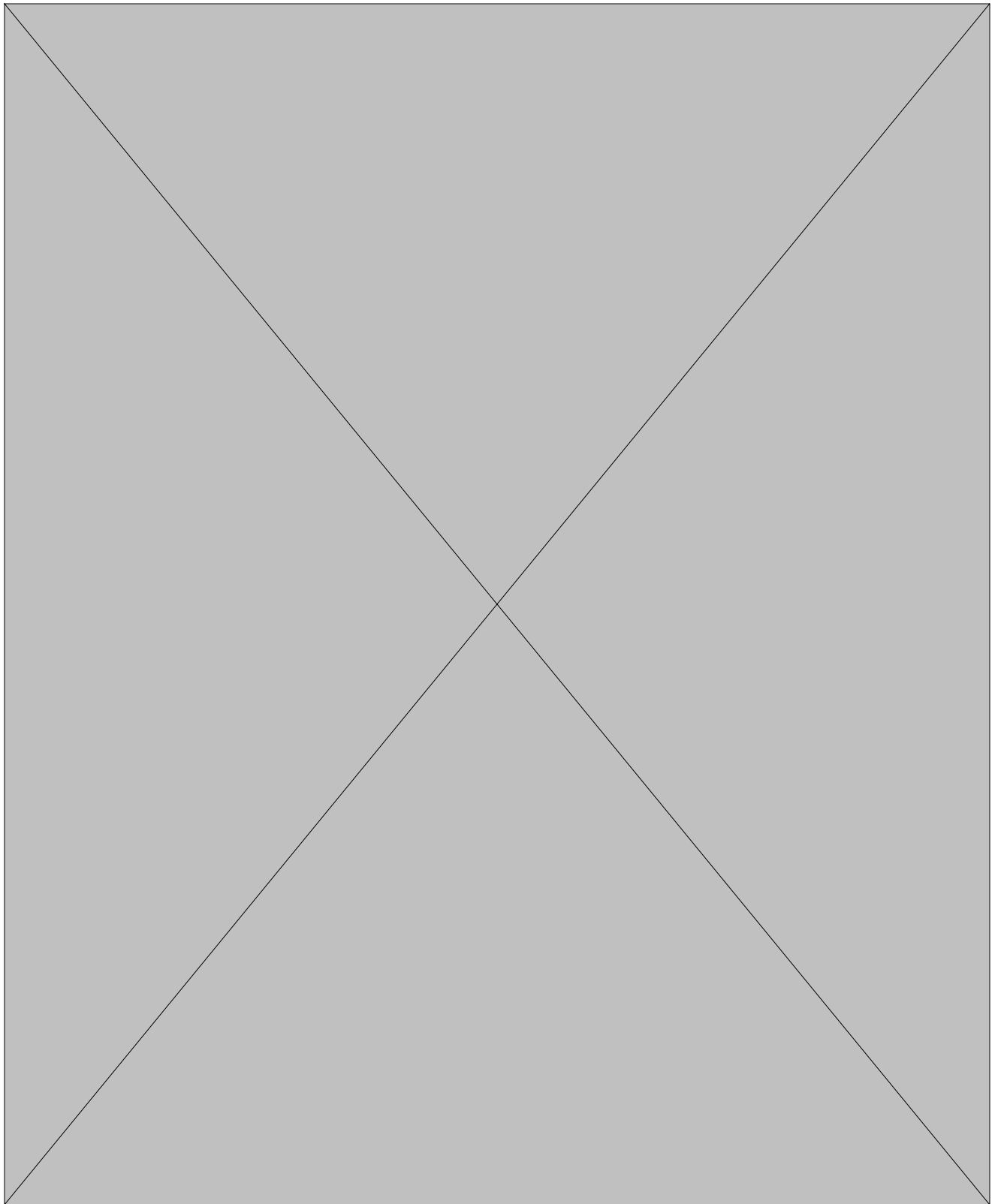
You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive ,
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(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

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On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

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Robert

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Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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Substance over "schmoozers ",
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They are part of the Swamp.

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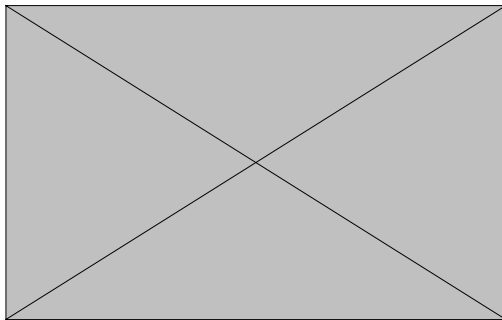
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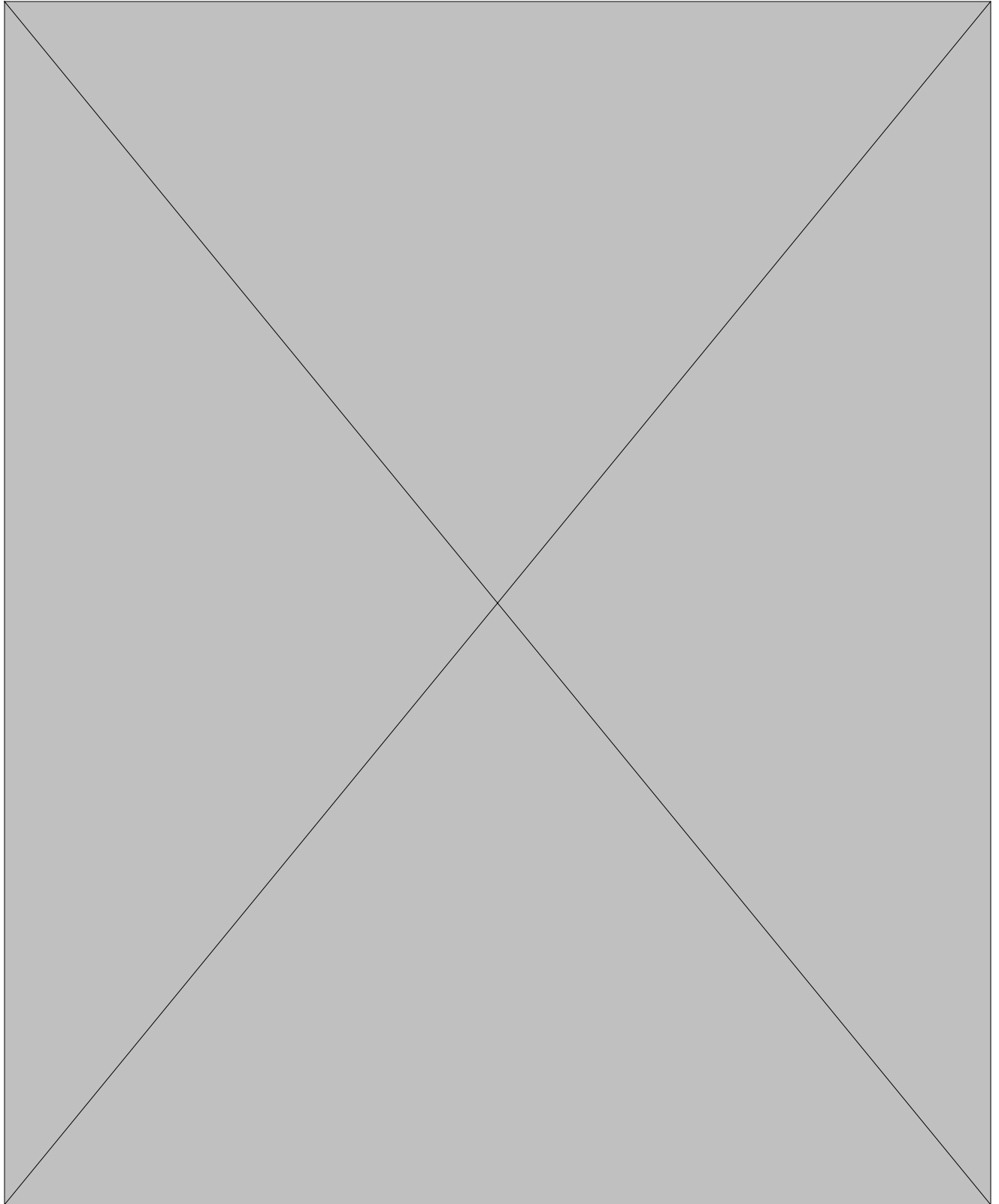
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I hope that your home owners has a large umbrella.

Better notify the tribes that their blackmail, extortion, racketeering and gangsterism directed at private property and irrigators was addressed by the federal judge in Missoula in 1986.

10 to1 odds none of you opened the attachment and read it so just send it to your carriers.

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Respecting the public by electing those who do, and have done for 2 decades, the actual work instead of phony carnival barkers who use prominent & unwilling citizens as props in their micro managed, staged video commercials.

They are not "one of you" if they disobey the judge in the attached PDF and the US Constitution.
They are part of the Swamp.

"Do what you all ways did ,get what you always got.".....corruption.

Draining the Swamp begins at the headwaters right here in MONTANA

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<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2017/08/us-health-care-reform-debate-not-address.html>

On Jul 31, 2017 12:45 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Sue to enforce the U.S. Constitution and drain the swamp in Montana.
There is no "like" Janette,
only duty once you have sworn the oath.

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Sounds like you like to sue people? Rotten apples on the tree, thank you for updating me. I was not aware. Janette

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 3. You may want to take another look at the (FERC) document Robert Fanning, Gene Erb and others hired Lawrence Kogan to represent private property owners in the West. Have you kept up on that Proceeding and made sure the Judges have their needed information? You have a Fiduciary Responsibility.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 1:58 PM, Janette Rosman <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

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 3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???
 4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 10:32 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

On Jul 28, 2017 9:55 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert some times folks appear to be hiding the truth!!! Looks like the FBI Auditors may want to start (HERE), I had not a clue in 1991 buying a small ranch at Charlo Mt. that the Government was subsidizing a payment of over 7000.00 per year? Lucky for me Dennis Krantz working at the USDA and we not being one of the (Good Old Boys and Girls Club) it was amended and finally ended. You don't suppose that went into a retirement FUND somewhere the Auditors may find it? Mr. Krantz was subleasing the land Dave Snyder purchased in 1985 these water rights, I found after we purchased the property were amended by the (DNRC) also. Mr Jack Stivers pushed a 70 yr old dear friend from behind at one of the Compact meetings 4-5 yrs ago and the MSU office is still paying his retirement?

On Saturday, July 1, 2017 7:47 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

If they'll steal your water,electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

On Jun 30, 2017 11:35 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

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Now you know why the DEEP STATE is in a panic attack to steal your private property

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Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

On Jun 30, 2017 8:30 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?
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Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

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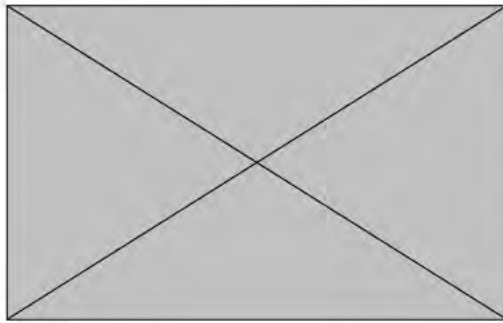
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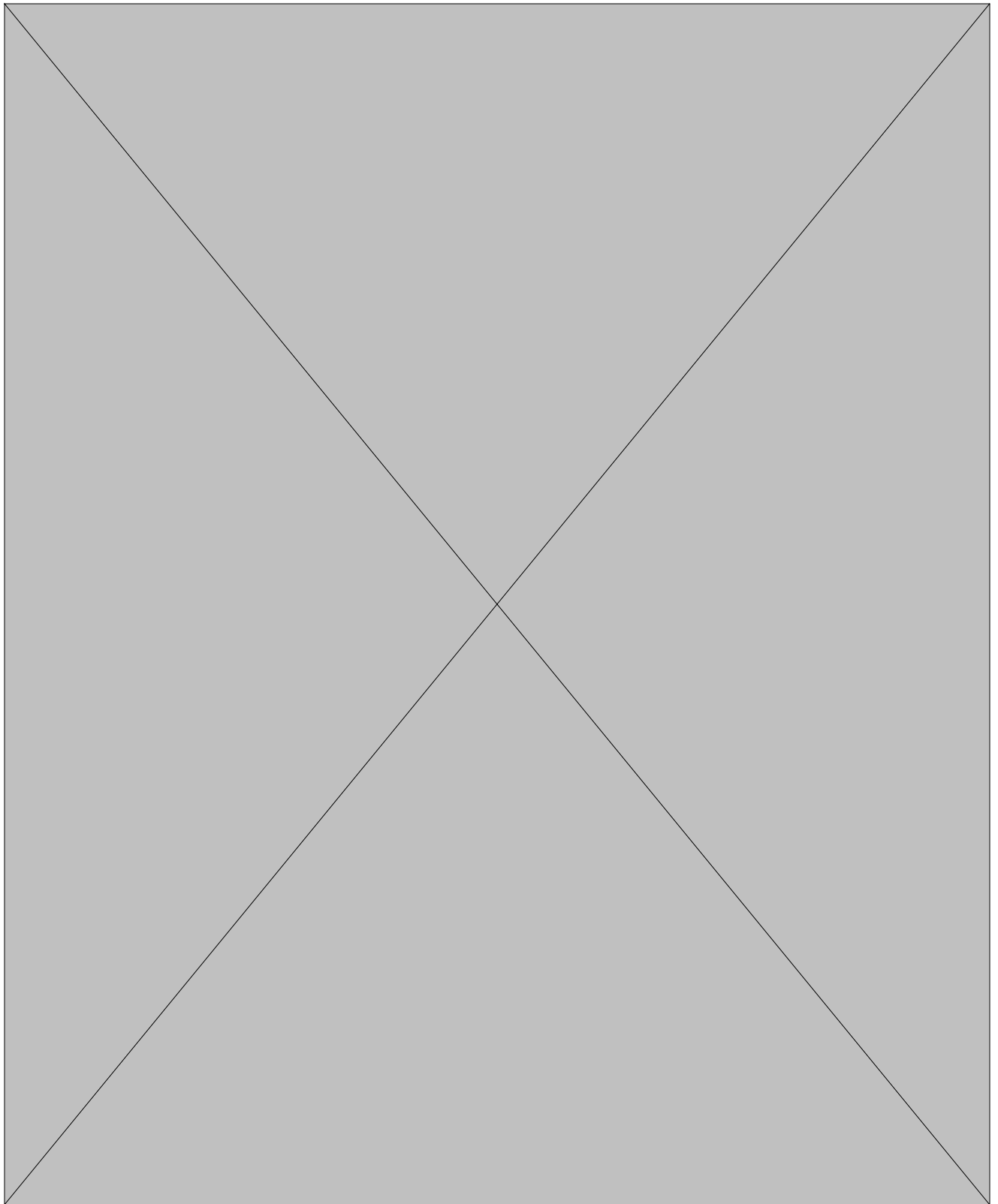
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have the honor and integrity to order a FORENSIC audit that state law, Montana State University school of Agriculture charter requires and the Koch Brothers have already paid for ?

This is the \$ Trillion dollar question that will drive the 2018 Senate race.

Substance over "schmoozers ",
public interest over pathetic , narcissistic photo ops that prove nothing but insecurity and incompetence.

Respecting the public by electing those who do, and have done for 2 decades, the actual work instead of phony carnival barkers who use prominent & unwilling citizens as props in their micro managed, staged video commercials.

They are not "one of you" if they disobey the judge in the attached PDF and the US Constitution.
They are part of the Swamp.

"Do what you all ways did ,get what you always got.".....corruption.

Draining the Swamp begins at the headwaters right here in MONTANA

On Aug 2, 2017 10:00 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2017/08/us-health-care-reform-debate-not-address.html>

On Jul 31, 2017 12:45 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Sue to enforce the U.S. Constitution and drain the swamp in Montana.
There is no "like" Janette,
only duty once you have sworn the oath.

On Jul 31, 2017 11:29 AM, "Janette Rosman" <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Sounds like you like to sue people? Rotten apples on the tree, thank you for updating me. I was not aware. Janette

From: Gene Erb Jr [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 6:57 AM
To: Janette Rosman; 'Robert Fanning'
Cc: 'DNRC Land Board'; 'MT Rep Dick Barrett'; 'Frandsen Deb (Tester)'; 'Roger Starkel'; 'Travis Kavulla'; 'Richard Erb'; 'Jack Homer'; 'Kristin Omvig'; 'Debra Lamm'; 'Steve Hughes'; 'Paul Guenzler'; 'Dr. Kate Vandemoer'; 'Kathleen Mazure'; 'Daniel Salomon'; 'Patricia Gillis'; 'Brad Hamlett'; 'Paul Wadsworth'; 'Paul Hunsucker'; 'David Lake'; 'MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick'; 'Bruce Fredrickson'; 'Ryan Zinke'; 'Senator Jon Tester'; 'Ken Cornelius'; 'BruceTutvedtSD3'; 'Mary Stranahan'; 'Bill & Grace Slack'; 'Steve Daines'; 'MT Sen Chas Vincent'; 'Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch'; 'Alan Mikkelsen'; 'Duane Mecham'; 'Mike Hom'; 'Jon Metropoulos'; 'Jack & Susan Lake'
Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

1. Water Commissioner Janette Rosman this is the second part of the email that was sent to you and some of your Flathead Commissioners yesterday. You took a oath of Office and if you Do Not understand this? I will be more than happy to file a complaint as a water right owner and user in your District, and Judge Manley can explain this to both of us? How about them Apples.
2. For your information the Funds were donated to Montana State University for the Forensic Audit by the Koch Brothers as explained by Mike Hom. I am positive Robert Fanning would be happy to send you the information again.
3. You may want to take another look at the (FERC) document Robert Fanning, Gene Erb and others hired Lawrence Kogan to represent private property owners in the West. Have you kept up on that Proceeding and made sure the Judges have their needed information? You have a Fiduciary Responsibility.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 1:58 PM, Janette Rosman <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

From: Gene Erb Jr [mailto:(b) (6)]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 12:47 PM

To: Robert Fanning

Cc: DNRC Land Board; MT Rep Dick Barrett; Janette Rosman; Frandsen Deb (Tester); Roger Starkel; Travis Kavulla; Richard Erb; Jack Homer; Kristin Omgig; Debra Lamm; Steve Hughes; Paul Guenzler; Dr. Kate Vandemoer; Kathleen Mazure; Daniel Salomon; Patricia Gillis; Brad Hamlett; Paul Wadsworth; Paul Hunsucker; David Lake; MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick; Bruce Fredrickson; Ryan Zinke; Senator Jon Tester; Ken Cornelius; Bruce TutvedtSD3; Mary Stranahan; Bill & Grace Slack; Steve Daines; MT Sen Chas Vincent; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch; Alan Mikkelsen; Duane Mecham; Mike Horn; Jon Metropoulos; Jack & Susan Lake

Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

1. Robert there is a very suspect in this Action??? In the **(1963 Redesignation of Water Rights)** by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under direction of Secretary of Interior the lands that were out of the Project also included at that time would have given Congress control of the **(PROJECT)**? Another theft without Compensation.
 2. Chas Vincent and his Daddy Bruce Vincent and cousin Commissioner Dave Vincent may be able to explain this to the FBI.
 3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???
 4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 10:32 AM, Robert Fanning <bruiseind73@gmail.com> wrote:

In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

On Jul 28, 2017 9:55 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert some times folks appear to be hiding the truth!!! Looks like the FBI Auditors may want to start **(HERE)**, I had not a clue in 1991 buying a small ranch at Charlo Mt. that the Government was subsidizing a payment of over 7000.00 per year? Lucky for me Dennis Krantz working at the USDA and we not being one of the **(Good Old Boys and Girls Club)** it was amended and finally ended. You don't suppose that went into a retirement FUND somewhere the Auditors may find it? Mr. Krantz was subleasing the land Dave Snyder purchased in 1985 these water rights, I found after we purchased the property were amended by the **(DNRC)** also. Mr Jack Stivers pushed a 70 yr old dear friend from behind at one of the Compact meetings 4-5 yrs ago and the MSU office is still paying his retirement?

On Saturday, July 1, 2017 7:47 AM, Robert Fanning <bruiseind73@gmail.com> wrote:

If they'll steal your water, electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

On Jun 30, 2017 11:35 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:
<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GQG&m=gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b=gsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA>

Now you know why the DEEP STATE is in a panic attack to steal your private property

<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GQG&m=gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b=gsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA>

On Jun 30, 2017 12:01 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:
Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

On Jun 30, 2017 8:30 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?
2. As you will find in the second attachment, the districts filed a claim with the uses and the (DNRC) failed to finish the paper work. Does anyone know who was coaching Alan as he claims to be a expert witness and when is asked about the uses stockwater, domestic, municipal, and power generation they may have not received the response yet today? The (DNRC) has purchased plenty of land in the State.
3. Does anyone happen to know how much money the Federal Government paid for the pipeline to the Walt Shock Ranch? This contract is within the 5yr statue of limitations? Some of us may know neighbors that asked for the right to use this pipeline also and were denied equal and just distribution.

On Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:55 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

When the Tresury Department sends their Speial Investigators, those " G Men " are CPA 's MBA 's and experts in white collar crime.

They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the " G Men " caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

On Jun 28, 2017 12:14 AM, "Mike Horn" <(b) (6)> wrote:

The Question is: What is the quantification of the HARM?

1. Quantification Scope: Lost Water Rights, Lost Jobs, Lowered Incomes, Population Displacement, Lowered Business Activity, Reduced Farm Income and equipment sales, Decline in Economic Potential, Increase in Crime. Quantification is measured in dollars and other factors including quality of living.
2. Quantification Assessment – A credible sourcing would naturally be Montana State University – Bozeman - Ag Economics taking the lead. A Principle Investigator would be identified to produce a planning document and a proposed budget. This would likely be a multi-year project. (The Koch Bros. have established a long term endowment to bolster the MSU Ag Economics Department.)
3. Congressional legislation usually neglects impact quantification and assessments. This judicial demand for one must be addressed with a credible construct for one. All parties should agree that this would be a significant precedent to quantify HARM in any legislation.

From: Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:06 AM

To: Gene Erb; Mike Horn; Debra Lamm

Cc: Janette Rosman; MT Rep Dick Barrett; DNRC Land Board; Frandsen Deb (Tester); Roger Starkel; Richard Erb; Brad Hamlett; Jack Horner; Kristin Omgig; MT Sen Chas Vincent; Steve Hughes; Paul Guenzler; Dr. Kate Vandemoer; Kathleen Mazure; Daniel Salomon; Patricia Gillis; Paul Wadsworth; Paul Hunsucker; David Lake; MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick; Bruce Fredrickson; Ryan Zinke; Ken Cornelius; Mary Stranahan; BruceTutvedtSD3; Bill & Grace Slack; Steve Daines; Senator Jon Tester; Duane Mecham; Alan Mikkelsen; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch; Jack & Susan Lake; Jon Metropoulos

Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

Quantify the HARM, so this can get in front of the U.S. Court of Claims and / or get an appropriations rider attached in Congress.

Then elect me to the U.S Senate in order to insure that those who have been

harm, both individual and government entities are paid.

I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders".

You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

P.S.

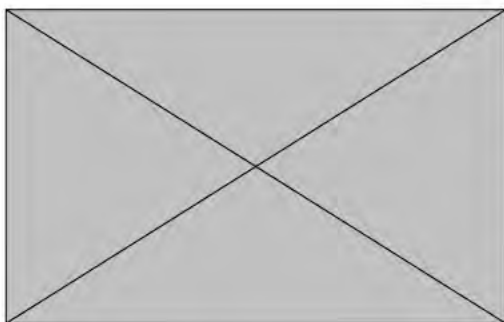
For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

<http://freerangereport.com/index.php/2017/06/25/scotus-rules-landowners-have-no-recourse-when-government-regs-undermine-property-values/>



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"Put simply, today's decision
knocks the definition of
'private property' loose from
its foundation on stable state
law rules," Roberts wrote.
The ruling "compro..."

On Jun 27, 2017 8:52 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert if one individual could only purchase 160 acres under the Homestead Act, and had to prove up on it prior to receiving a Patent, Rocky Mountain Power sends J.E. Bell to file on the Flathead River prior to the 1920 Federal Power Act. Thanks to Rick B. for the (Opening and Sales of Indian Lands) the Villa sites were Auctioned off in 1915. And the State of Montana (DNRC) involved with the Theft also, we are lucky there are honest hard working people that helped with the information from them also.

On Monday, June 26, 2017 12:59 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisemd73@gmail.com> wrote:

I
<https://vimeo.com/124787340>

posted Kelo on my page a couple of months ago.

I have an active case having to do with Montana's water in the D.C. federal court.

I would like to see the Republican A.G Assn join my case and get into court immediately.

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On Jun 21, 2017 8:23 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert you have the Tenacity, True Grit and the Resume to manage this Lawsuit to the Full Extent of the Law. Your Record proves your ability. After the intervenors in the (FERC) License ran for cover? Allowing the (State and Big Power Companies) to steal "Water and Power" from the Landowners, here are a few more Documents proving Ownership. Robert I do not see any influence from the State of Montana on the Charles and Lulu water right these business deals were done prior to the Formation of the Irrigation Districts. These waters were reserved prior. I like <-YOUR-> letter. I can't believe the State of Montana has allowed a State Senator to file on water rights after the Legislature passed the Bill to send the Waters in the State to the Government of the United States, to Appropriate February 27,1905.

On Monday, June 19, 2017 3:22 PM, Robert Fanning <bruiseind73@gmail.com> wrote:

Yo, Steve

GIVE THE FJB a written legal opinion as to WHY a forensic audit
(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

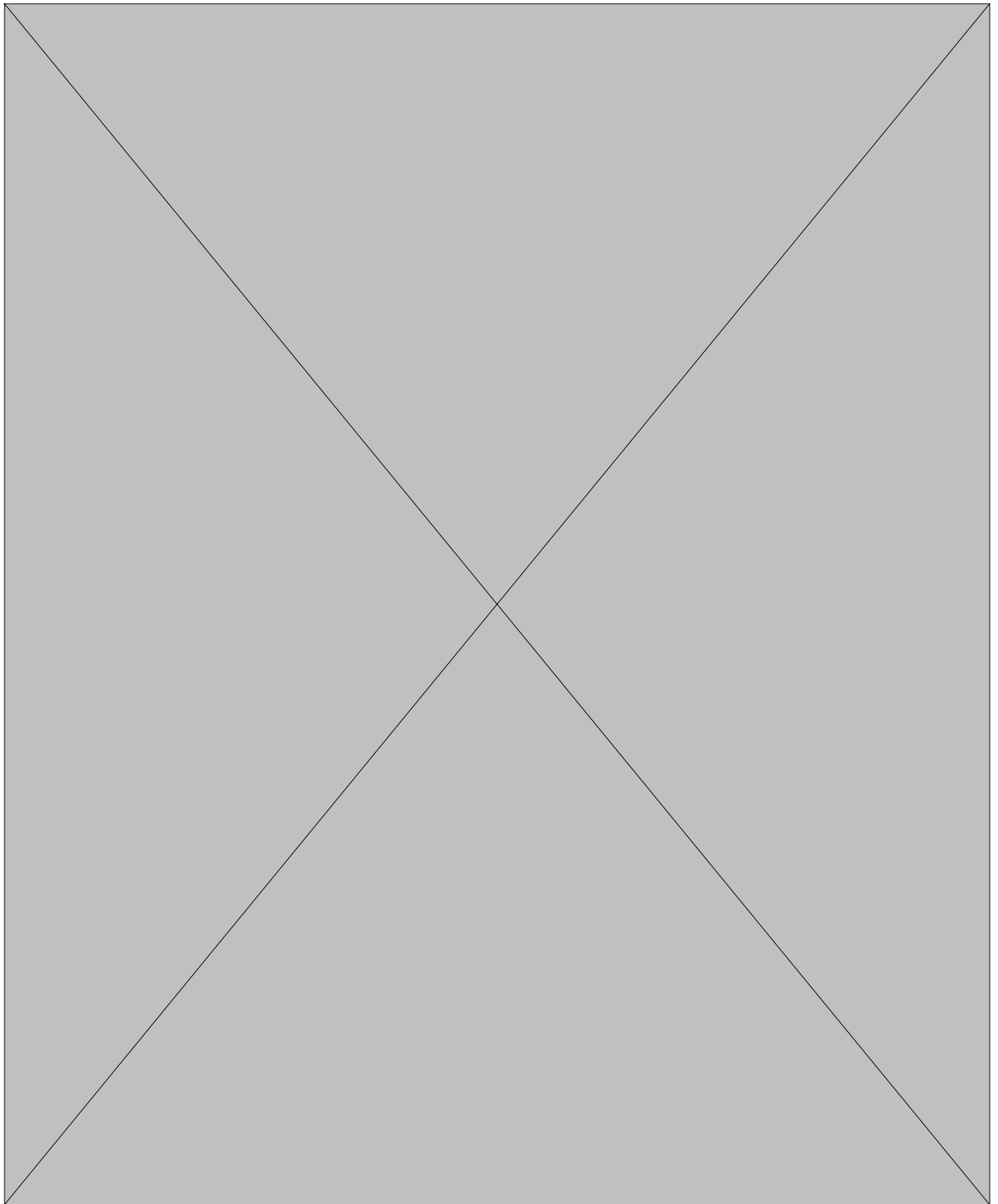
You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

I will be out of the office and on travel status from June 3 through June 10, working in our Mid-Pacific Region. I will try to return calls and emails when I have the appropriate facilities to do so. If you have an immediate concern that needs attention, please contact Grayford Payne or Dan Durbray in the Commissioner's Office.

Robert you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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Trump's Unintended Consequences: The Unmasking of the Deep State

By [David Prentice](#)

The term "Deep State" unleashes many paranoid fantasies. Movies and spy stories abound about the existence of dark, nefarious forces from our government aligned against us. But as Joseph Heller once wrote, "Just because you're paranoid, doesn't mean they aren't after you." One of the more disturbing revelations after Trump's win was finding that these dark forces not only exist, but are powerful and seemingly out of control.

"Deep State" is hard to define, because it is composed of overlapping groups and individuals with complex and differing agendas. It's an amalgam of people, agencies, and bureaucrats that changes. The current leakers are part of it. For now, let's say it's a mostly unelected, mostly leftist group within our government that wants to govern us against the will of America's founding principles. These people want the final say

over our Republic. They want to rule, and they form part of a powerful alliance against the current administration and its voters. The one thing we can be thankful for is that they are showing themselves to us in a way that should anger Americans of all political persuasions. In the end, that's what we might hope for.

"Big Brother" was the term Orwell used for the totalitarian presence of *1984*. We are not there. Maybe not even close. But the problem of the Deep State is that there seem to be those who want the kind of power Orwell described, the kind of power the Soviets had, or the East Germans. It's likely that many Deep-Staters don't even realize just how power-mad they have become.

Here is a small list with their fingerprints on it:

- The unmasking and subsequent takedown of General Michael Flynn
- The daily leaks designed to impede or embarrass the Trump administration
- The unmasking of hundreds of private citizens working with the Trump campaign as reported by Circa News
- The bogus "Trump dossier"
- The bogus Trump-Russian collusion narrative.
- The unseemly collusion between Robert Mueller and James Comey
- The seeming insanity of Mueller probing a nonexistent crime
- The exoneration of the Clinton crime family
- The IRS targeting conservative groups

And lots more.

What we are watching is a group using power willfully, wrongfully, and oftentimes illegally to undermine and destroy political opponents. They *are* after somebody. For real. From this list, we can surmise that their opponents appear to be those of us on the center-right. And to those of you on the left who don't know: This happened, and it's happening. You can pretend it's not so, but it is.

Okay, some of you are tuning out. This can't happen here, it's tinfoil hat stuff, the left really isn't that bad, you're being overly paranoid, blah, blah, blah. Sorry, but this is seriously bad stuff.

I recall back when the PATRIOT Act was passed, noting a comment by Glenn Reynolds of Instapundit. He said powers to surveil, and powers that could cross the lines of the bad guys' civil liberties, were well and good, but in the wrong hands, those powers could and would be misused.

Well, he was right. At the time, I considered his fears over the top, but I was wrong. The history of the human race is littered with tyrants who concentrated and misused power. The genius of the American system adopted by the founding fathers was limiting and decentralizing government in a way to protect our citizenry against this kind of tyranny. Systems were put in place to check, balance, and limit the things that could be done by the government against its people. The Bill of Rights is directed at that problem. These rights were called inalienable, the natural and normal rights given to us by God, not by our government. These were to be our birthright as a nation. It's one of the many reasons our country has been great and can be great again.

We have had bad players in our government, we have made lots of mistakes and done wrong things as a nation, but what we are seeing played out now is simply unprecedented. There is a quote attributed to Valerie Jarrett, Obama adviser-enforcer and all-around bad human, that goes like this:

After we win this election, it's our turn. Payback time. Everyone not with us is against us, and they better be ready, because we don't forget. The ones who helped us will be rewarded; the ones who opposed us will

get what they deserve. There is going to be hell to pay. Congress won't be a problem for us this time. No election to worry about after this is over.

Let me say, there is no proof she said this. But one thing that is real for sure is that much of what they did in that administration, with her help, was to institutionalize those ideas as their operating manual. The IRS scandal targeting conservative donors and conservative organizations was a perfect example. Read the horrifying story in Forbes of what happened to Catherine Engelbrecht if you think this didn't happen. A terrible line had been crossed. Had she been a liberal, we would hear her name for forty years or more.

This was just the tip of the iceberg. The left has weaponized the bureaucracies and agencies it inhabits. Leftists have decided they will become the dominant culture in the CIA, FBI, NSA, IRS, EPA, and the rest of our bureaucracies. They decided it's okay to be totalitarian, it's okay to break the law, it's okay to go after their political opponents with the force of government, it's okay because they are the ones who deserve to win. The Deep State running rampant is fine, as long as they run it. From Valerie Jarrett to Barack Obama to James Clapper and James Comey, they all visibly overstepped their rightful boundaries. They are proof of the saying that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Make no mistake: the prior administration went rampant. The Deep State did not originate with them, but they stocked it with their cronies. They stocked it with people of similar left-leaning ideas, with similar left-leaning willingness to misuse power. The Deep State became a weapon of intimidation and a deep abuser of power. Thank God Hillary was not there to take the baton.

So here we are, with the Deep State running amok. They are aligned with the Obamap-Clinton machine; they are generally in sync with the Obama-Clinton goals. None of us knows exactly how this works, who sets the agenda, or who has the capacity to give direction, but it is real. We do know that many of the media are there to help, we do know that most of the Democratic Party apparatus is there to help, and we do know some of the players. We also know that most of the Democrat base, and many of the party's voters, are naïvely on board, too. We may not understand the mechanism, but we do know that the Deep State has become the vanguard of the left's civil war, and it is not fictional.

They are self-motivated with a set of goals. Get rid of Trump if they can. Get Trump's base to be embarrassed of him or depressed if they can. Make certain that Trump cannot succeed. Make certain his hands are tied in ways to make him less effective. If nothing else, slow his progress to a snail's pace while they marshal better forces.

The stupid party (Republicans), as usual, has no clue. Too many Republicans just think this is normal or haven't the stomach to fight. Heck, many of them are traitorously helping to take down what their own voters and standard-bearer want to achieve. The Democratic Party is fractured and has no idea how wrong this is (yet), and it only helps parrot the talking points of its Deep State allies. Democrats have no idea of the backlash they are creating toward themselves.

There is no distinct winner at this point. But the battle is joined. It is clear that the Deep State intends to continue using all its power to stop Trump, and to prevent a return to checks and balances and limited government.

One important note: they are *not* winning. The media may make it appear that they are, but they're not. Trump, his administration and allies, and his voting base intend on continuing the fight and winning. This is the major part of "draining the swamp." The battle is in the balance, will last for years, and there are a lot of reasons to believe that the Deep State will lose. One of the great unintended consequences of Trump's win: They have been unmasked.

Push back hard enough, and they will lose.

They deserve to.

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On Aug 13, 2017 10:08 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Read the attached PDF and understand that dereliction of duty as defined in the 1926, 1931 and 1986 decisions make you personally liable.

I hope that your home owners has a large umbrella.

Better notify the tribes that their blackmail, extortion, racketeering and gangsterism directed at private property and irrigators was addressed by the federal judge in Missoula in 1986.

10 to1 odds none of you opened the attachment and read it so just send it to your carriers.

The irrigator who broke down in tears in front of me because he had to spend \$80 000 To defend himself because you won't, when I was just up there was the last straw.

Obey the judges.....all of them, especially the Judge in my D.C. case who ORDERED you to quantify the harm done.

Y'all are devoid of honor

On Aug 12, 2017 10:10 PM, "Janette" <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

FJBC board had a fiduciary duty to the irrigators to pay Flathead Indian Irrigation Project fees collected via irrigators Taxes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2017, at 10:02 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

I also spent a couple of hours with an irrigator who is being blackmailed and extorted into selling his water rights and land . This is absolute defiance of this judge's 1986 ruling and harsh admonishment directed at the BIA and the Secretary of Interior....attachment all the way down at the bottom.....instead we get racketeering and gangsterism.

The question now is:

" does anyone in authority, like Jack Seivers of MSU and Securities Commissioner Rosendale

have the honor and integrity to order a FORENSIC audit that state law, Montana State University school of Agriculture charter requires and the Koch Brothers have already paid for ?

This is the \$ Trillion dollar question that will drive the 2018 Senate race.

Substance over "schmoozers ",
public interest over pathetic , narcissistic photo ops that prove nothing but
insecurity and incompetence.

Respecting the public by electing those who do, and have done for 2 decades, the actual work instead of phony carnival barkers who use prominent & unwilling citizens as props in their micro managed, staged video commercials.

They are not "one of you" if they disobey the judge in the attached PDF and the US Constitution.

They are part of the Swamp.

"Do what you all ways did ,get what you always got.".....corruption.

Draining the Swamp begins at the headwaters right here in MONTANA

On Aug 2, 2017 10:00 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2017/08/us-health-care-reform-debate-not-address.html>

On Jul 31, 2017 12:45 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Sue to enforce the U.S. Constitution and drain the swamp in Montana.
There is no " like " Janette ,
only duty once you have sworn the oath .

On Jul 31, 2017 11:29 AM, "Janette Rosman" <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Sounds like you like to sue people? Rotten apples on the tree, thank you for updating me. I was not aware. Janette

From: Gene Erb Jr [mailto:gene.erb@montana.gov]]

Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 6:57 AM

To: Janette Rosman; 'Robert Fanning'

Cc: 'DNRC Land Board'; 'MT Rep Dick Barrett'; 'Frandsen Deb (Tester)'; 'Roger Starkel'; 'Travis Kavulla'; 'Richard Erb'; 'Jack Horner'; 'Kristin Omvig'; 'Debra Lamm'; 'Steve Hughes'; 'Paul Guenzler'; 'Dr. Kate Vandemoer'; 'Kathleen Mazure'; 'Daniel Salomon'; 'Patricia Gillis'; 'Brad Hamlett'; 'Paul Wadsworth'; 'Paul Hunsucker'; 'David Lake'; 'MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick'; 'Bruce Fredrickson'; 'Ryan Zinke'; 'Senator Jon Tester'; 'Ken Cornelius'; 'BruceTutvedtSD3'; 'Mary Stranahan'; 'Bill & Grace Slack'; 'Steve Daines'; 'MT Sen Chas Vincent'; 'Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch'; 'Alan Mikkelsen'; 'Duane Mecham'; 'Mike Horn'; 'Jon Metropoulos'; 'Jack & Susan Lake'

Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

1. Water Commissioner Janette Rosman this is the second part of the email that was sent to you and some of your Flathead Commissioners yesterday. You took a oath of Office and if you Do Not understand this? I will be more than happy to file a complaint as a water right owner and user in your District, and Judge Manley can explain this to both of us? How about

them Apples.

2. For your information the Funds were donated to Montana State University for the Forensic Audit by the Koch Brothers as explained by Mike Horn. I am positive Robert Fanning would be happy to send you the information again.

3. You may want to take another look at the (FERC) document Robert Fanning, Gene Erb and others hired Lawrence Kogan to represent private property owners in the West. Have you kept up on that Proceeding and made sure the Judges have their needed information? You have a Fiduciary Responsibility.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 1:58 PM, Janette Rosman <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

From: Gene Erb Jr [mailto:gene@erbjr.com]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 12:47 PM

To: Robert Fanning

Cc: DNRC Land Board; MT Rep Dick Barrett; Janette Rosman; Frandsen Deb (Tester); Roger Starkel; Travis Kavulla; Richard Erb; Jack Homer; Kristin Omgig; Debra Lamm; Steve Hughes; Paul Guenzler; Dr. Kate Vandemoer; Kathleen Mazure; Daniel Salomon; Patricia Gillis; Brad Hamlett; Paul Wadsworth; Paul Hunsucker; David Lake; MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick; Bruce Fredrickson; Ryan Zinke; Senator Jon Tester; Ken Cornelius; BruceTutvedtSD3; Mary Stranahan; Bill & Grace Slack; Steve Daines; MT Sen Chas Vincent; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch; Alan Mikkelsen; Duane Mecham; Mike Horn; Jon Metropoulos; Jack & Susan Lake

Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

1. Robert there is a very suspect in this Action??? In the **(1963 Redesignation of Water Rights)** by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under direction of Secretary of Interior the lands that were out of the Project also included at that time would have given Congress control of the **(PROJECT)**? Another theft without Compensation.

2. Chas Vincent and his Daddy Bruce Vincent and cousin Commissioner Dave Vincent may be able to explain this to the FBI.

3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???

4. Don't forget to use Discovery when

asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 10:32 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

On Jul 28, 2017 9:55 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert some times folks appear to be hiding the truth!!! Looks like the FBI Auditors may want to start (HERE), I had not a clue in 1991 buying a small ranch at Charlo Mt. that the Government was subsidizing a payment of over 7000.00 per year? Lucky for me Dennis Krantz working at the USDA and we not being one of the (Good Old Boys and Girls Club) it was amended and finally ended. You don't suppose that went into a retirement FUND somewhere the Auditors may find it? Mr. Krantz was subleasing the land Dave Snyder purchased in 1985 these water rights, I found after we purchased the property were amended by the (DNRC) also. Mr Jack Stivers pushed a 70 yr old dear friend from behind at one of the Compact meetings 4-5 yrs ago and the MSU office is still paying his retirement?

On Saturday, July 1, 2017 7:47 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

If they'll steal your water,electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

On Jun 30, 2017 11:35 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l_GQGs.&m_gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b_qsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA

Now you know why the DEEP STATE is in a panic attack to steal your private property

http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l_GQGs.&m_gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b_qsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA

On Jun 30, 2017 12:01 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

On Jun 30, 2017 8:30 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?
2. As you will find in the second attachment, the districts filed a claim with the uses and the (DNRC) failed to finish the paper work. Does anyone know who was coaching Alan as he claims to be a expert witness and when is asked about the uses stockwater, domestic, municipal, and power generation they may have not received the response yet today? The (DNRC) has purchased plenty of land in the State.
3. Does anyone happen to know how much money the Federal Government paid for the pipeline to the Walt Shock Ranch? This contract is within the 5yr statue of limitations? Some of us may know neighbors that asked for the right to use this pipeline also and were denied equal and just distribution.

On Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:55 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

When the Treasury Department sends their Special Investigators, those "G Men" are CPA's MBA's and experts in white collar crime.

They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the "G Men" caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

On Jun 28, 2017 12:14 AM, "Mike Horn" <(b) (6)> wrote:

The Question is: What is the quantification of the HARM?

1. Quantification Scope: Lost Water Rights, Lost Jobs, Lowered Incomes, Population Displacement, Lowered Business Activity, Reduced Farm Income and equipment sales, Decline in Economic Potential, Increase in Crime. Quantification is measured in dollars and other factors including quality of living.
2. Quantification Assessment A credible sourcing would naturally be Montana State University Bozeman - Ag Economics taking the lead. A Principle Investigator would be identified to produce a planning document and a proposed budget. This would likely be a multi-year project. (The Koch Bros. have established a long term endowment to bolster the MSU Ag Economics Department.)
3. Congressional legislation usually neglects impact quantification and assessments. This judicial demand for one must be addressed with a credible construct for one. All parties should agree that this would be a significant precedent to quantify HARM in any legislation.

From: Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Gene Erb; Mike Horn; Debra Lamm
Cc: Janette Rosman; MT Rep Dick Barrett; DNRC Land Board; Frandsen Deb (Tester); Roger Starkel; Richard Erb; Brad Hamlett; Jack Horner; Kristin Omvig; MT Sen Chas Vincent; Steve Hughes; Paul Guenzler; Dr. Kate Vandemoer; Kathleen Mazure; Daniel Salomon; Patricia Gillis; Paul Wadsworth; Paul Hunsucker; David Lake; MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick; Bruce Fredrickson; Ryan Zinke; Ken Cornelius; Mary Stranahan; Bruce TutvedtSD3; Bill & Grace Slack; Steve Daines; Senator Jon Tester; Duane Mecham; Alan Mikkelsen; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch; Jack & Susan Lake; Jon Metropoulos
Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

Quantify the HARM, so this can get in front of the U.S. Court of Claims and / or get an appropriations rider attached in Congress.

Then elect me to the U.S Senate in order to insure that those who have been harmed, both individual and government entities are paid.

I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders".

You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

P.S.

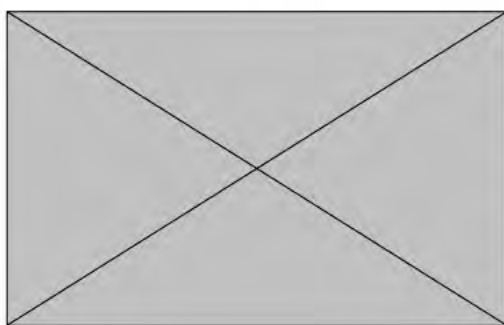
For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

<http://freerangereport.com/index.php/2017/06/25/scotus-rules-landowners-have-no-recourse-when-government-regs-undermine-property-values/>



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"Put simply, today's decision
knocks the definition of
'private property' loose from
its foundation on stable state
law rules," Roberts wrote. The
ruling "compro..."

On Jun 27, 2017 8:52 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert if one individual could only purchase 160 acres under the Homestead Act, and had to prove up on it prior to receiving a Patent, Rocky Mountain Power sends J.E. Bell to file on the Flathead River prior to the 1920 Federal Power Act. Thanks to Rick B. for the (Opening and Sales of Indian Lands) the Villa sites were Auctioned off in 1915. And the State of Montana (DNRC) involved with the Theft also, we are lucky there are honest hard working people that helped with the information from them also.

On Monday, June 26, 2017 12:59 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

I

<https://vimeo.com/124787340>

posted Kelo on my page a couple of months ago.

I have an active case having to do with Montana's water in the D.C. federal court.

I would like to see the Republican A.G Assn join my case and get into court immediately.

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On Jun 21, 2017 8:23 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert you have the Tenacity, True Grit and the Resume to manage this Lawsuit to the Full Extent of the Law. Your Record proves your ability. After the intervenors in the (FERC) License ran for cover? Allowing the (State and Big Power Companies) to steal "Water and Power" from the Landowners, here are a few more Documents proving Ownership. Robert I do not see any influence from the State of Montana on the Charles and Lulu water right these business deals were done prior to the Formation of the Irrigation Districts. These waters were reserved prior. I like <-YOUR-> letter. I can't believe the State of Montana has allowed a State Senator to file on water rights after the Legislature passed the Bill to send the Waters in the State to the Government of the United States, to

Appropriate February 27,1905.

On Monday, June 19, 2017 3:22 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Yo, Steve

GIVE THE FJB a written legal opinion as to WHY a forensic audit
(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

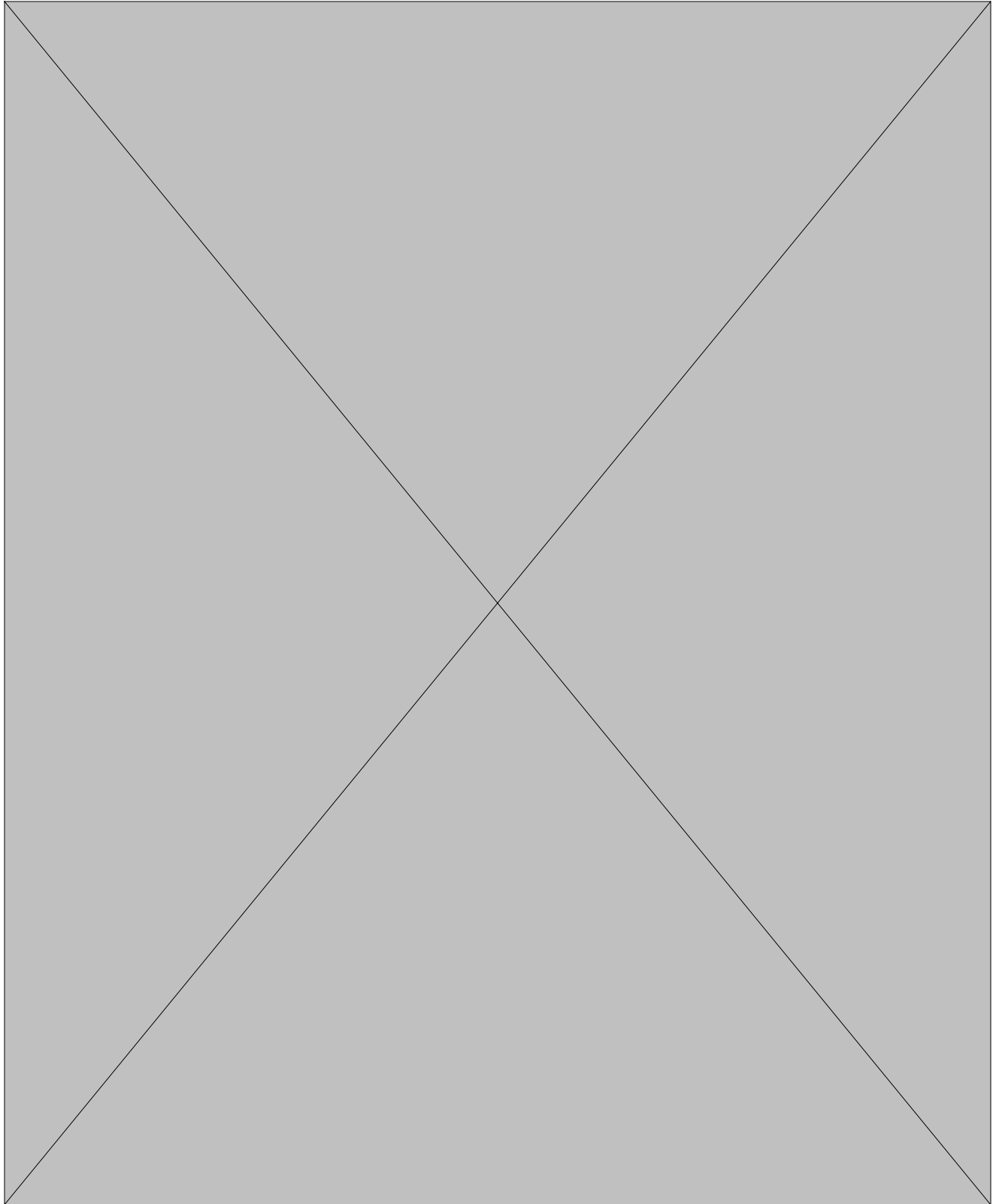
You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

I will be out of the office and on travel status from June 3 through June 10, working in our Mid-Pacific Region. I will try to return calls and emails when I have the appropriate facilities to do so. If you have an immediate concern that needs attention, please contact Grayford Payne or Dan Durbay in the Commissioner's Office.

Robert

you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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From: Robert Fanning
Sent: 2017-08-14T11:15:31-04:00
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Subject: Re: Who is the Deep State ? Does the FJBC pay them ?
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“The issue which has swept down the centuries and which will have to be fought sooner or later is the people versus the banks.” Lord Acton

Who do you trust? Do you trust the President? Do you trust Congress? Do you trust the Treasury Secretary? Do you trust the Federal Reserve? Do you trust the Supreme Court? Do you trust the Military Industrial Complex? Do you trust Wall Street bankers? Do you trust the SEC? Do you trust any government agency or regulator? Do you trust the corporate mainstream media? Do you trust Washington think tanks? Do you trust Madison Avenue PR maggots? Do you trust PACs? Do you trust lobbyists? Do you trust government unions? Do you trust the National Association of Realtors? Do you trust mega-corporation CEOs? Do you trust economists? Do you trust billionaires? Do you trust some anonymous blogger? You can't even trust your parish priest or college football coach anymore. A civilized society cannot function without trust. The downward spiral of trust enveloping the world is destroying our global economy and will lead to collapse, chaos and bloodshed. The major blame for this crisis sits squarely on the shoulders of crony capitalists that rule our country, but the willful ignorance and lack of civic accountability from the general population has contributed to this impending calamity. Those in control won't reveal the truth and the populace don't want to know the truth a match made in heaven or hell.

“Most ignorance is vincible ignorance. We don't know because we don't want to know.”

Aldous Huxley

The fact that 86% of American adults have never heard of Jamie Dimon should suffice as proof regarding the all-encompassing level of ignorance in this country. As the world staggers under the unbearable weight of debt built up over decades, to fund a fantasyland dream of McMansions, luxury automobiles, iGadgets, 3D HDTVs, exotic vacations, bling, government

provided pensions, free healthcare that makes us sicker, welfare for the needy and the greedy, free education that makes us dumber, and endless wars of choice, the realization that this debt financed Ponzi scheme was nothing but a handful of pixie dust sprinkled by corrupt politicians and criminal bankers across the globe is beginning to set in. A law abiding society that is supposed to be based on principles of free market capitalism must function in a lawful manner, with the participants being able to trust the parties they do business with. When trust in politicians, regulators, corporate leaders and bankers dissipates, anarchy, lawlessness, unscrupulous greed, looting, pillaging and eventually crisis and panic engulf the system.

Jim Quinn Wharton School of Biz

On Aug 13, 2017 6:43 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

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August 9, 2017

Trump's Unintended Consequences: The Unmasking of the Deep State

By [David Prentice](#)

The term "Deep State" unleashes many paranoid fantasies. Movies and spy stories abound about the existence of dark, nefarious forces from our government aligned against us. But as Joseph Heller once wrote, "Just because you're paranoid, doesn't mean they aren't after you." One of the more disturbing revelations after Trump's win was finding that these dark forces not only exist, but are powerful and seemingly out of control.

"Deep State" is hard to define, because it is composed of overlapping groups and individuals with complex and differing agendas. It's an amalgam of people, agencies, and bureaucrats that changes. The current leakers are part of it. For now, let's say it's a mostly unelected, mostly leftist group within our government that wants to govern us against the will of America's founding principles. These people want the final say over our Republic. They want to rule, and they form part of a powerful alliance against the current administration and its voters. The one thing we can be thankful for is that they are showing themselves to us in a way that should anger Americans of all political persuasions. In the end, that's what we might hope for.

"Big Brother" was the term Orwell used for the totalitarian presence of *1984*. We are not there. Maybe not even close. But the problem of the Deep State is that there seem to be those who want the kind of power Orwell described, the kind of power the Soviets had, or the East Germans. It's likely that many Deep-Staters don't even realize just how power-mad they have become.

Here is a small list with their fingerprints on it:

- The unmasking and subsequent takedown of General Michael Flynn
- The daily leaks designed to impede or embarrass the Trump administration
- The unmasking of hundreds of private citizens working with the Trump campaign as reported by Circa News
- The bogus "Trump dossier"
- The bogus Trump-Russian collusion narrative.
- The unseemly collusion between Robert Mueller and James Comey
- The seeming insanity of Mueller probing a nonexistent crime
- The exoneration of the Clinton crime family
- The IRS targeting conservative groups

And lots more.

What we are watching is a group using power willfully, wrongfully, and oftentimes illegally to undermine and destroy political opponents. They *are* after somebody. For real. From this list, we can surmise that their opponents appear to be those of us on the center-right. And to those of you on the left who don't know: This happened, and it's happening. You can pretend it's not so, but it is.

Okay, some of you are tuning out. This can't happen here, it's tinfoil hat stuff, the left really isn't that bad, you're being overly paranoid, blah, blah, blah. Sorry, but this is seriously bad stuff.

I recall back when the PATRIOT Act was passed, noting a comment by Glenn Reynolds of Instapundit. He said powers to surveil, and powers that could cross the lines of the bad guys' civil liberties, were well and good, but in the wrong hands, those powers could and would be misused.

Well, he was right. At the time, I considered his fears over the top, but I was wrong. The history of the human race is littered with tyrants who concentrated and misused power. The genius of the American system adopted by the founding fathers was limiting and decentralizing government in a way to protect our citizenry against this kind of tyranny. Systems were put in place to check, balance, and limit the things that could be done by the government against its people. The Bill of Rights is directed at that problem. These rights were called inalienable, the natural and normal rights given to us by God, not by our government. These were to be our birthright as a nation. It's one of the many reasons our country has been great and can be great again.

We have had bad players in our government, we have made lots of mistakes and done wrong things as a nation, but what we are seeing played out now is simply unprecedented. There is a quote attributed to Valerie Jarrett, Obama adviser-enforcer and all-around bad human, that goes like this:

After we win this election, it's our turn. Payback time. Everyone not with us is against us, and they better be ready, because we don't forget. The ones who helped us will be rewarded; the ones who opposed us will get what they deserve. There is going to be hell to pay. Congress won't be a problem for us this time. No election to worry about after this is over.

Let me say, there is no proof she said this. But one thing that is real for sure is that much of what they did in that administration, with her help, was to institutionalize those ideas as their operating manual. The IRS scandal targeting conservative donors and conservative organizations was a perfect example. Read the horrifying story in Forbes of what happened to Catherine Engelbrecht if you think this didn't happen. A terrible line had been crossed. Had she been a liberal, we would hear her name for forty years or more.

This was just the tip of the iceberg. The left has weaponized the bureaucracies and agencies it inhabits. Leftists have decided they will become the dominant culture in the CIA, FBI, NSA, IRS, EPA, and the rest of our bureaucracies. They decided it's okay to be totalitarian, it's okay to break the law, it's okay to go

after their political opponents with the force of government, it's okay because they are the ones who deserve to win. The Deep State running rampant is fine, as long as they run it. From Valerie Jarrett to Barack Obama to James Clapper and James Comey, they all visibly overstepped their rightful boundaries. They are proof of the saying that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Make no mistake: the prior administration went rampant. The Deep State did not originate with them, but they stocked it with their cronies. They stocked it with people of similar left-leaning ideas, with similar left-leaning willingness to misuse power. The Deep State became a weapon of intimidation and a deep abuser of power. Thank God Hillary was not there to take the baton.

So here we are, with the Deep State running amok. They are aligned with the Obamap-Clinton machine; they are generally in sync with the Obama-Clinton goals. None of us knows exactly how this works, who sets the agenda, or who has the capacity to give direction, but it is real. We do know that many of the media are there to help, we do know that most of the Democratic Party apparatus is there to help, and we do know some of the players. We also know that most of the Democrat base, and many of the party's voters, are naïvely on board, too. We may not understand the mechanism, but we do know that the Deep State has become the vanguard of the left's civil war, and it is not fictional.

They are self-motivated with a set of goals. Get rid of Trump if they can. Get Trump's base to be embarrassed of him or depressed if they can. Make certain that Trump cannot succeed. Make certain his hands are tied in ways to make him less effective. If nothing else, slow his progress to a snail's pace while they marshal better forces.

The stupid party (Republicans), as usual, has no clue. Too many Republicans just think this is normal or haven't the stomach to fight. Heck, many of them are traitorously helping to take down what their own voters and standard-bearer want to achieve. The Democratic Party is fractured and has no idea how wrong this is (yet), and it only helps parrot the talking points of its Deep State allies. Democrats have no idea of the backlash they are creating toward themselves.

There is no distinct winner at this point. But the battle is joined. It is clear that the Deep State intends to continue using all its power to stop Trump, and to prevent a return to checks and balances and limited government.

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Sent from my iPhone

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1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?
2. As you will find in the second attachment, the districts filed a claim with the uses and the (DNRC) failed to finish the paper work. Does anyone know who was coaching Alan as he claims to be a expert witness and when is asked about the uses stockwater, domestic, municipal, and power generation they may have not received the response yet today? The (DNRC) has purchased plenty of land in the State.
3. Does anyone happen to know how much money the Federal Government paid for the pipeline to the Walt Shock Ranch? This contract is within the 5yr statute of limitations? Some of us may know neighbors that asked for the right to use this pipeline also and were denied equal and just distribution.

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They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the " G Men " caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

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1. Quantification Scope: Lost Water Rights, Lost Jobs, Lowered Incomes, Population Displacement, Lowered Business Activity, Reduced Farm Income and equipment sales, Decline in Economic Potential, Increase in Crime. Quantification is measured in dollars and other factors including quality of living.
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Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:06 AM

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I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders ".

You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

P.S.

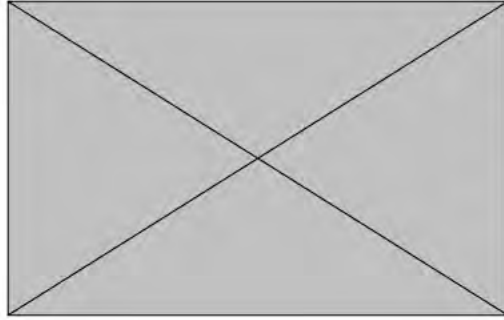
For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

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[United States District Court,D. Montana, Missoula Division \(1986\).pdf](#)

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Enron was all about electricity
Building 7 had all the Enron forensic evidence.

Rosendale and Jack Sievers are incumbent to call for a forensic audit as a demonstration of good faith dealings

or risk the charge of dereliction of duty and part of a cover up

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I also spent a couple of hours with an irrigator who is being blackmailed and extorted into selling his water rights and land .
This is absolute defiance of this judge's 1986 grilling.

The question now is:

" does anyone in authority, like Jack Seivers of MSU and Securities Commissioner Rosendale

have the honor and integrity to order a FORENSIC audit that state law, Montana State University school of Agriculture charter requires and the Koch Brothers have already paid for ?

This is the \$ Trillion dollar question that will drive the 2018 Senate race.

Substance over "schmoozers ",
public interest over pathetic , narcissistic photo ops that prove nothing but
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Respecting the public by electing those who do, and have done for 2 decades, the actual work instead of phony carnival barkers who use prominent & unwilling citizens as props in their micro managed, staged video commercials.

They are not "one of you" if they disobey the judge in the attached PDF and the US Constitution.

They are part of the Swamp.

"Do what you all ways did ,get what you always got.".....corruption.

Draining the Swamp begins at the headwaters right here in MONTANA

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There is no " like " Janette ,
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<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

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Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

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3. Congressional legislation usually neglects impact quantification and assessments. This judicial demand for one must be addressed with a credible construct for one. All parties should agree that this would be a significant precedent to quantify HARM in any legislation.

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I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders".

You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

P.S.

For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

<http://freerangereport.com/index.php/2017/06/25/scotus-rules-landowners-have-no-recourse-when-government-regs-undermine-property-values/>

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Yo, Steve

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(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

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Robert you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

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Yo, Steve

GIVE THE FJB a written legal opinion as to WHY a forensic audit
(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoos.com/ bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is- dying/>

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On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

I will be out of the office and on travel status from June 3 through June 10, working in our Mid-Pacific Region. I will try to return calls and emails when I have the appropriate facilities to do so. If you have an immediate concern that needs attention, please contact Grayford Payne or Dan Durbray in the Commissioner's Office.

Robert you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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Washington Water Power Industrial Revenue Bonds too.

Portland Gas and Electric pensions also were LOOTED with all those pensioners destroyed.

Maybe our crack SECURITIES COMMISSIONER can convince the FBI why he has yet to perform a forensic audit

Jack Sievers too.

What are they covering up; a \$ Trillion looted since 1923 that has gone on to hyper-drive since the bonds were once again issued again in 1944 and 1945?

Who LOOTED the SINKING FUNDS AND will the State of Montana claw back the multi generational theft??

Are they Swamp Creatures too?

Like I said, "ENRON, Smartest Guys in the Room" will be the biggest movie in the State of Montana.....in the State's history.

FJBC me know when you are ready to show and explain it to you in light of the fact that I have specialized in complex, leveraged finance since 1974.

Read my LinkedIn page
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Robert this is a little more critical history of the many **Mergers, and may explain the many Bond Indentures** and what happened to the **SINKING FUNDS**? Montana's own Marc Rocicot lobbyist for the Law Firm Bracewell and Giuliani and look who his notable clients were? It appears we may have another one of the smartest guys on the block?

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Enron was all about electricity
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I also spent a couple of hours with an irrigator who is being blackmailed and extorted into selling his water rights and land .
This is absolute defiance of this judge's 1986 grilling.

The question now is:

" does anyone in authority, like Jack Seivers of MSU and Securities Commissioner

Rosendale

have the honor and integrity to order a FORENSIC audit that state law, Montana State University school of Agriculture charter requires and the Koch Brothers have already paid for ?

This is the \$ Trillion dollar question that will drive the 2018 Senate race.

Substance over "schmoozers ",
public interest over pathetic , narcissistic photo ops that prove nothing but
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Respecting the public by electing those who do, and have done for 2 decades, the
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They are not "one of you" if they disobey the judge in the attached PDF and the US
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They are part of the Swamp.

"Do what you all ways did ,get what you always got.".....corruption.

Draining the Swamp begins at the headwaters right here in MONTANA

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<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2017/08/us-health-care-reform-debate-not-address.html>

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Thank you.

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To: Gene Erb Jr; MT - Kalispell Daily InterLake; editor@missoulia.com; letters.editor@ft.com; Ryan Zinke; The New York Times Company; letters@newsweek.com
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Washington Water Power Industrial Revenue Bonds too.

Portland Gas and Electric pensions also were LOOTED with all those pensioners destroyed.

Maybe our crack SECURITIES COMMISSIONER can convince the FBI why he has yet to perform a forensic audit

Jack Sievers too.

What are they covering up; a \$ Trillion looted since 1923 that has gone on to hyper-drive since the bonds were once again issued again in 1944 and 1945?

Who LOOTED the SINKING FUNDS AND will the State of Montana claw back the multi generational theft??

Are they Swamp Creatures too?

Like I said, "ENRON, Smartest Guys in the Room" will be the biggest movie in the State of Montana.....in the State's history.

FJBC me know when you are ready to show and explain it to you in light of the fact that I have specialized in complex, leveraged finance since 1974.

Read my LinkedIn page
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Robert this is a little more critical history of the many **Mergers, and may explain the many Bond Indentures** and what happened to the **SINKING FUNDS**? Montana's own Marc Rocicot lobbyist for the Law Firm Bracewell and Giuliani and look who his notable clients were? It appears we may have another one of the smartest guys on the block?

On Monday, August 14, 2017 4:01 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Enron was all about electricity

Building 7 had all the Enron forensic evidence.

Rosendale and Jack Sievers are incumbent to call for a forensic audit as a demonstration of good faith dealings

or risk the charge of dereliction of duty and part of a cover up

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Robert here is the 1986 United States District Court, decision check out page 6, 90% of the funds for the **FIP** were from **POWER** not water delivery? Payments from the 1928

Preston- Engle report and 1.3 per cent of the Tribal members had water delivery's? Of course many had Secretarial water rights that would not have been used because the project had no jurisdiction over private ditches? This makes for a real curios situation due to the facts of **LAW** recited in this case? Alan may have his day to explain the in-stream flows to the Judge?

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They are not "one of you" if they disobey the judge in the attached PDF and the US Constitution.
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"Do what you all ways did ,get what you always got.".....corruption.

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2. For your information the Funds were donated to Montana State University for the Forensic Audit by the Koch Brothers as explained by Mike Horn. I am positive Robert Fanning would be happy to send you the information again.

3. You may want to take another look at the (FERC) document Robert Fanning, Gene Erb and others hired Lawrence Kogan to represent private property owners in the West. Have you kept up on that Proceeding and made sure the Judges have their needed information? You have a Fiduciary Responsibility.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 1:58 PM, Janette Rosman <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

From: Gene Erb Jr [mailto:[\(b\) \(6\)](mailto:(b) (6))]

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1. Robert there is a very suspect in this Action??? In the **(1963 Redesignation of Water Rights)** by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under direction of Secretary of Interior the lands that were out of the Project also included at that time would have given Congress control of the **(PROJECT)**? Another theft without Compensation. 2. Chas Vincent and his Daddy Bruce Vincent and cousin Commissioner Dave Vincent may be able to explain this to the FBI. 3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)??? 4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 10:32 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

On Jul 28, 2017 9:55 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert some times folks appear to be hiding the truth!!! Looks like the FBI Auditors may want to start **(HERE)**, I had not a clue in 1991 buying a small ranch at Charlo Mt. that the Government was subsidizing a payment of over 7000.00 per year? Lucky for me Dennis Krantz working at the USDA and we not being one of the **(Good Old Boys and Girls Club)** it was amended and finally ended. You don't suppose that went into a retirement FUND somewhere the Auditors may find it? Mr. Krantz was subleasing the land Dave Snyder purchased in 1985 these water rights, I found after we purchased the property were amended by the **(DNRC)** also. Mr Jack Stivers pushed a 70 yr old dear friend from behind at one of the Compact meetings 4-5 yrs ago and the MSU office is still paying his retirement?

On Saturday, July 1, 2017 7:47 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

If they'll steal your water, electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

On Jun 30, 2017 11:35 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GQGs.&m=gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b=qsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA>

Now you know why the DEEP STATE is in a panic attack to steal your private property

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Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

On Jun 30, 2017 8:30 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?

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When the Treasury Department sends their Special Investigators, those "G Men" are CPA's MBA's and experts in white collar crime.

They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the "G Men" caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

On Jun 28, 2017 12:14 AM, "Mike Horn" <(b) (6)> wrote:

The Question is: What is the quantification of the HARM?

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3. Congressional legislation usually neglects impact quantification and assessments. This judicial demand for one must be addressed with a credible construct for one. All parties should agree that this would be a significant precedent to quantify HARM in any legislation.

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You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

P.S.

For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

<http://freerangereport.com/index.php/2017/06/25/scotus-rules-landowners-have-no-recourse-when-government-regs-undermine-property-values/>

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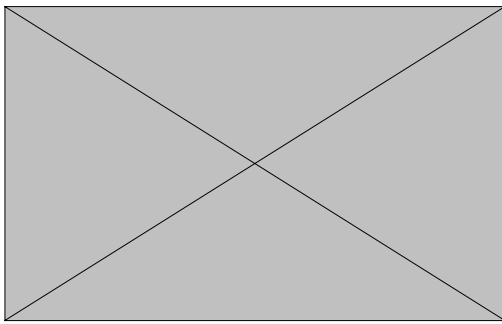
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April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

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Yo, Steve

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Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

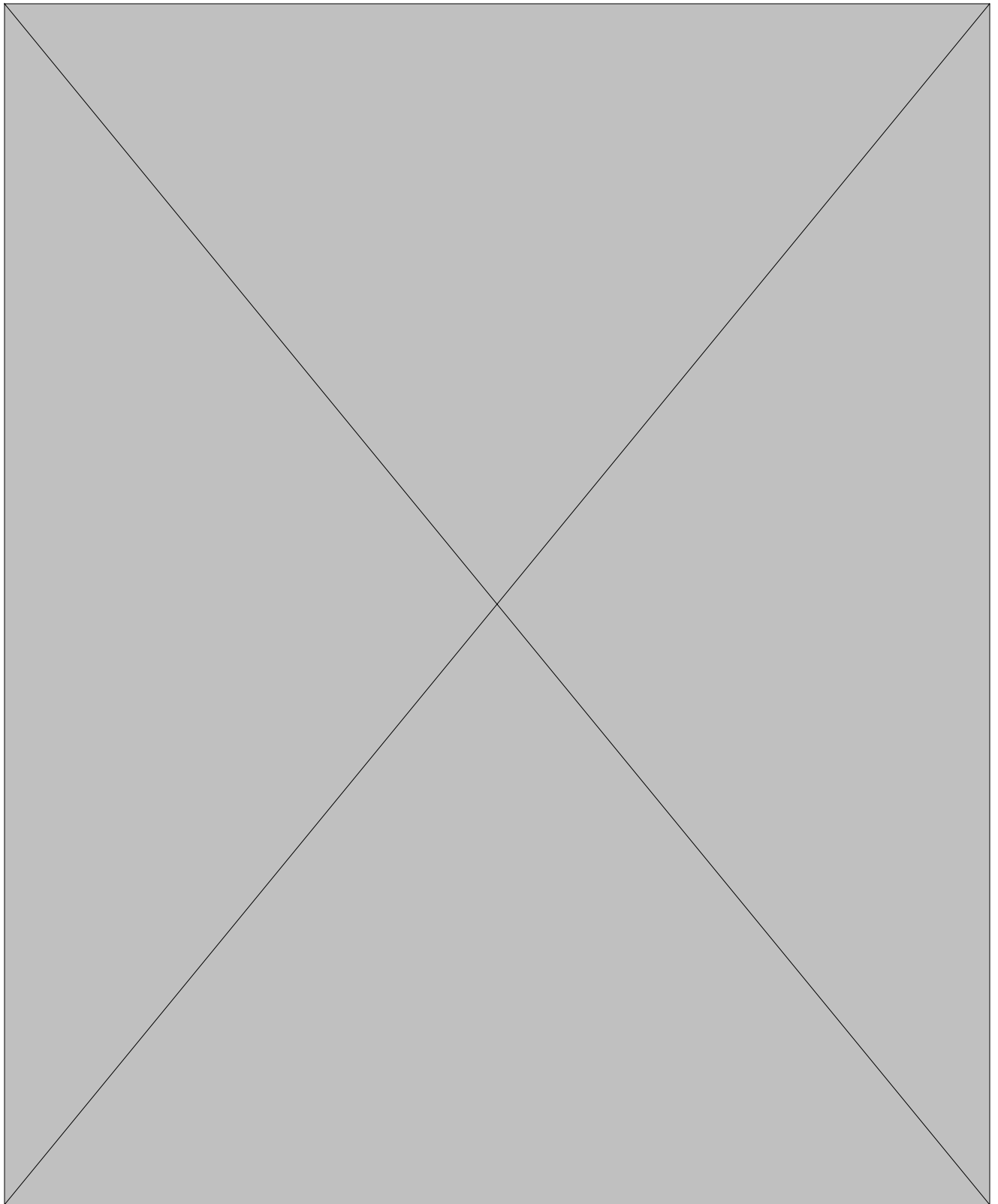
You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive ,
even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

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Robert

you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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<http://themillenniumreport.com/2017/07/14-3-quadrillion-lien-taken-against-all-u-s-land-real-estate-and-people-on-july-28-2011/>

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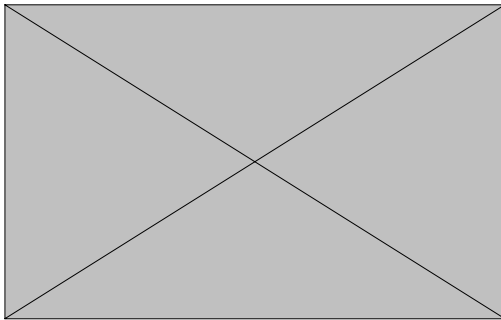
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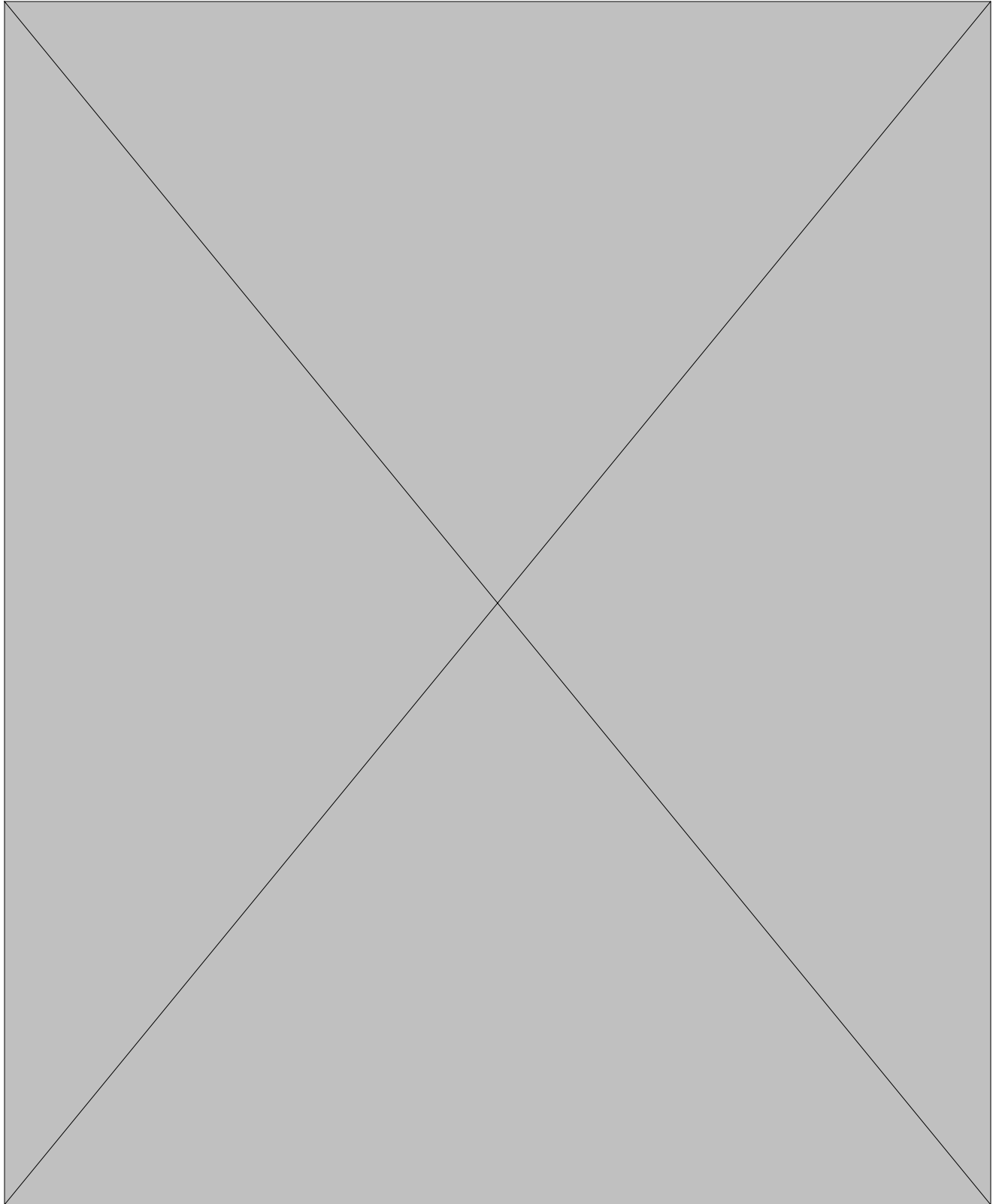
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I listened to it all and agree with everything he said.

elk hunt.

Buy and butcher a half steer.

From what I am learning up here in Kallispel, America has been looted for 94 years strait to the tune of many, many trillions. Time to pay the piper.

Fraud and corruption brought America down.

Denigration of Trump is like jumping off the gallows with the noose around your own neck. He's your ONLY hope. To second guess and disrespect Trump is suicidal and endangers your heirs if you carefully listened to Williams .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9AkBU6c3Ec>

On Aug 18, 2017 11:33 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Follow the money and drain the swamp.
The swamp begins at the headwaters

On Aug 16, 2017 7:24 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

<http://themillenniumreport.com/2017/07/14-3-quadrillion-lien-taken-against-all-u-s-land-real-estate-and-people-on-july-28-2011/>

On Aug 12, 2017 10:02 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

I also spent a couple of hours with an irrigator who is being blackmailed and extorted into selling his water rights and land .

This is absolute defiance of this judge's 1986 ruling and harsh admonishment directed at the BIA and the Secretary of Interior....attachment all the way down at the bottom.....instead we get racketeering and gangsterism.

The question now is:

" does anyone in authority, like Jack Seivers of MSU and Securities Commissioner Rosendale

have the honor and integrity to order a FORENSIC audit that state law, Montana State University school of Agriculture charter requires and the Koch Brothers have already paid for ?

This is the \$ Trillion dollar question that will drive the 2018 Senate race.

Substance over "schmoozers ",
public interest over pathetic , narcissistic photo ops that prove nothing but insecurity and incompetence.

Respecting the public by electing those who do, and have done for 2 decades, the actual work instead of phony carnival barkers who use prominent & unwilling citizens as props in their micro managed, staged video commercials.

They are not "one of you" if they disobey the judge in the attached PDF and the US Constitution.

They are part of the Swamp.

"Do what you all ways did ,get what you always got.".....corruption.

Draining the Swamp begins at the headwaters right here in MONTANA

On Aug 2, 2017 10:00 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2017/08/us-health-care-reform-debate-not-address.html>

On Jul 31, 2017 12:45 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Sue to enforce the U.S. Constitution and drain the swamp in Montana.
There is no " like " Janette ,
only duty once you have sworn the oath .

On Jul 31, 2017 11:29 AM, "Janette Rosman" <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Sounds like you like to sue people? Rotten apples on the tree, thank you for updating me. I was not aware. Janette

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1. Water Commissioner Janette Rosman this is the second part of the email that was sent to you and some of your Flathead Commissioners yesterday. You took a oath of Office and if you Do Not understand this? I will be more than happy to file a complaint as a water right owner and user in your District, and Judge Manley can explain this to both of us? How about them Apples.
2. For your information the Funds were donated to Montana State University for the Forensic Audit by the Koch Brothers as explained by Mike Horn. I am positive Robert Fanning would be happy to send you the information again.
3. You may want to take another look at the (FERC) document Robert Fanning, Gene Erb and others hired Lawrence Kogan to represent private property owners in the West. Have you kept up on that Proceeding and made sure the Judges have their needed information? You have a Fiduciary Responsibility.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 1:58 PM, Janette Rosman <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

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 2. Chas Vincent and his Daddy Bruce Vincent and cousin Commissioner Dave Vincent may be able to explain this to the FBI.
 3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???
 4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 10:32 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

On Jul 28, 2017 9:55 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert some times folks appear to be hiding the truth!!! Looks like the FBI Auditors may want to start **(HERE)**, I had not a clue in 1991 buying a small ranch at Charlo Mt. that the Government was subsidizing a payment of over 7000.00 per year? Lucky for me Dennis Krantz working at the USDA and we not being one of the **(Good Old Boys and Girls Club)** it was amended and finally ended. You don't suppose that went into a retirement FUND somewhere the Auditors may find it? Mr. Krantz was subleasing the land Dave Snyder purchased in 1985 these water rights, I found after we purchased the property were amended by the **(DNRC)** also. Mr Jack Stivers pushed a 70 yr old dear friend from behind at one of the Compact meetings 4-5 yrs ago and the MSU office is still paying his retirement?

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If they'll steal your water,electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

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http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l_GQGs.&m_gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b_qsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA

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Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

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People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

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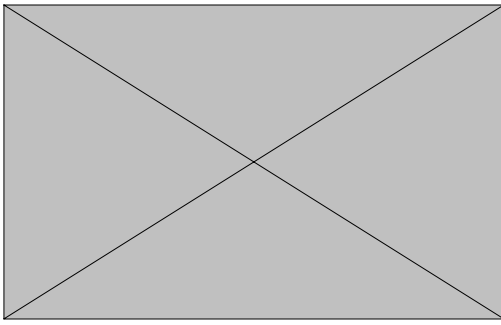
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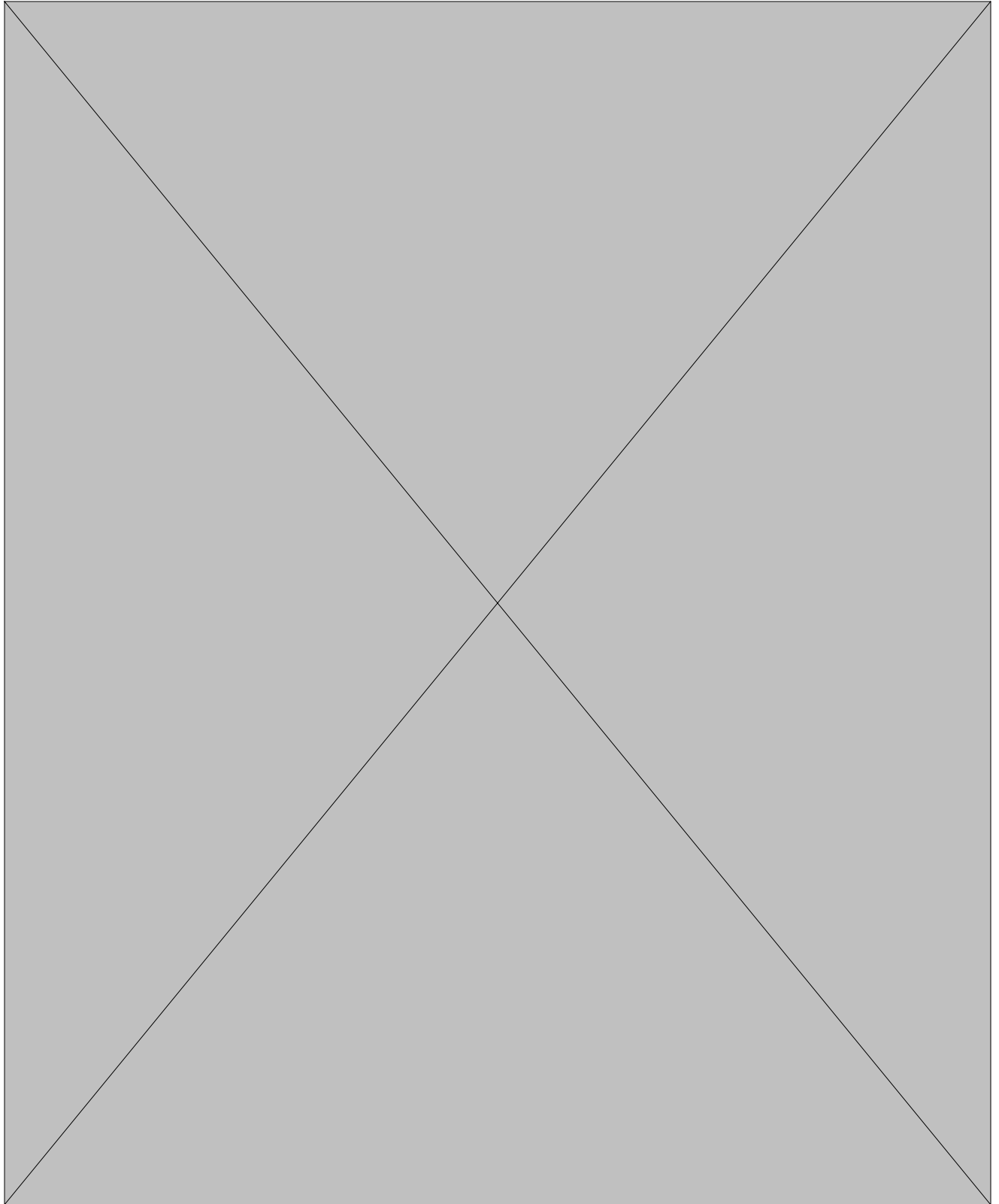
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Article my dam friend sent awhile back! Don't know if it's any interest to you!
Good luck with everything!!!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kimberly Mattern (b) (6)
Date: February 24, 2015 at 9:10:01 AM MST
To: Faith (b) (6)
Subject: Salish Kootenai Tribes Will Acquire Kerr Dam Via Arbitration - [ICTMN.com](http://ictmn.com)

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<https://www.usnews.com/news/be-st-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

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People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

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You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

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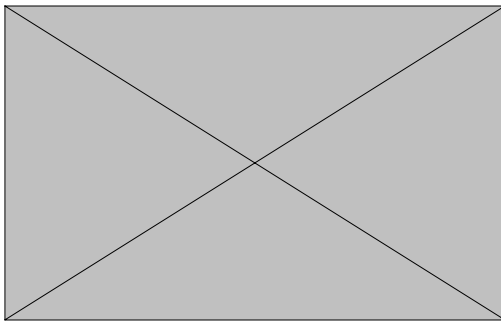
For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

<http://freerangereport.com/index.php/2017/06/25/scotus-rules-landowners-have-no-recourse-when-government-regs-undermine-property-values/>



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Appropriate February 27,1905.

On Monday, June 19, 2017 3:22 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Yo, Steve

GIVE THE FJB a written legal opinion as to WHY a forensic audit
(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

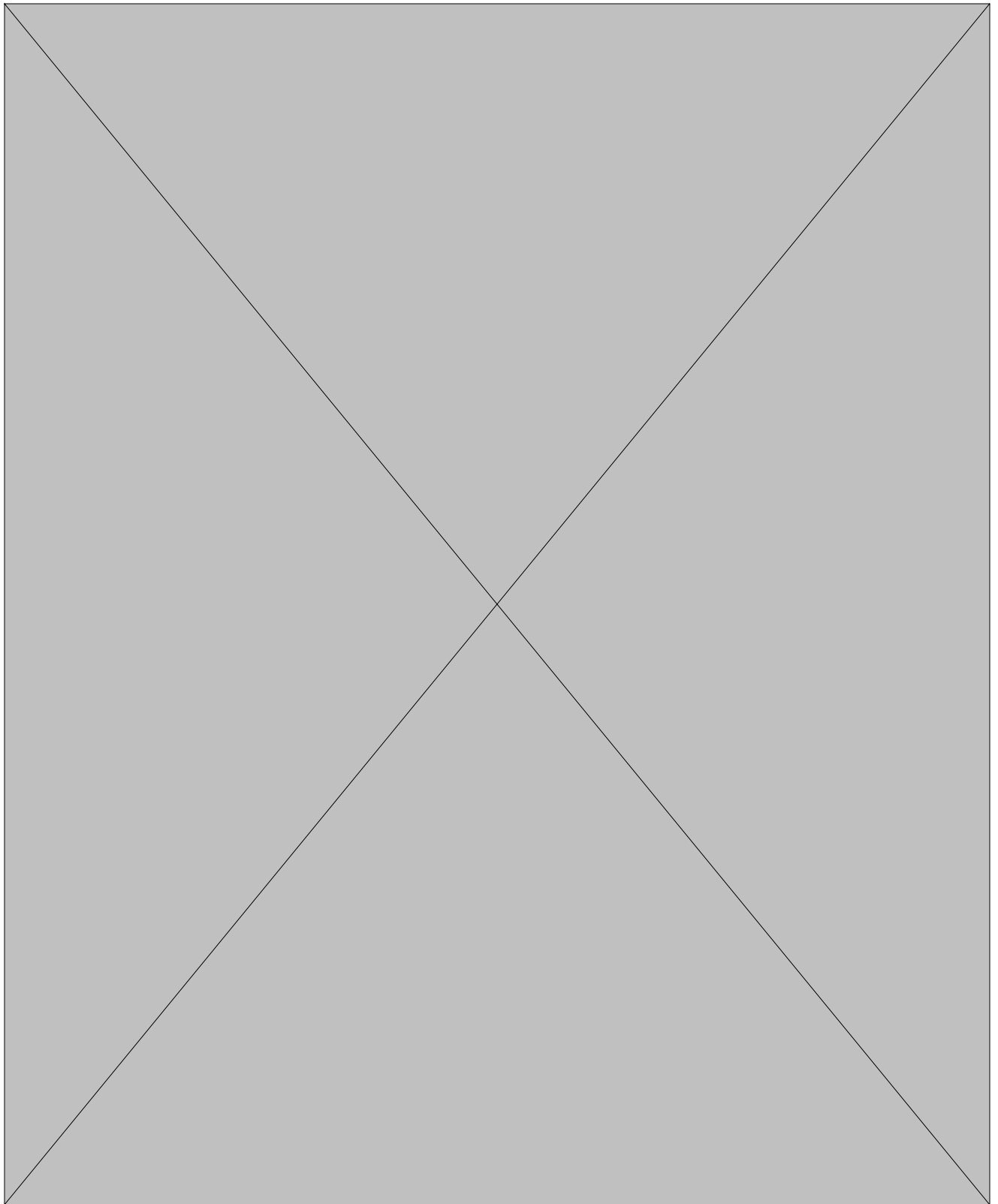
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Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

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you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

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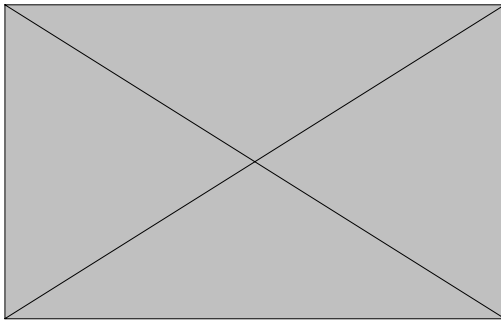
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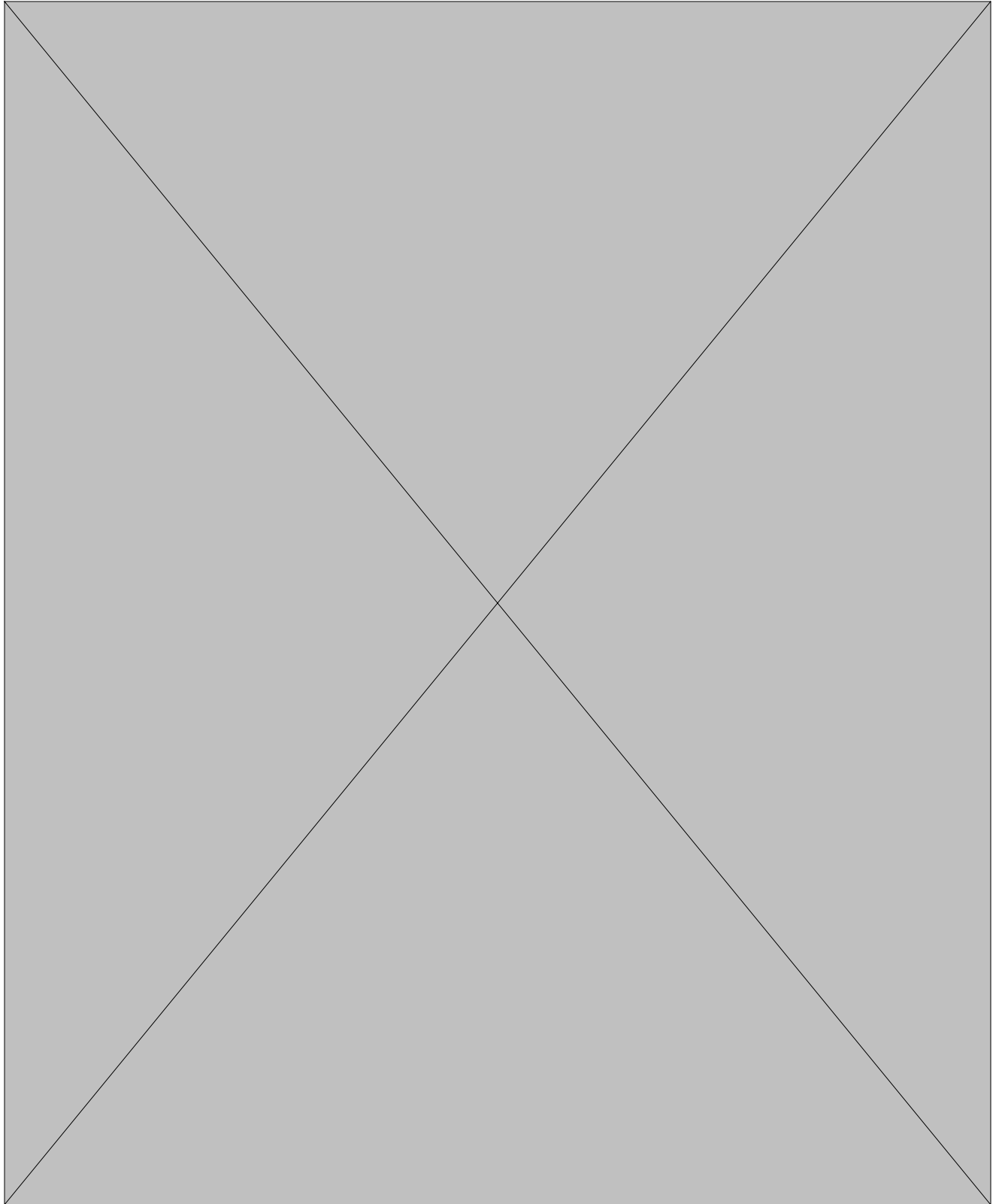
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Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

I will be out of the office and on travel status from June 3 through June 10, working in our Mid-Pacific Region. I will try to return calls and emails when I have the appropriate facilities to do so. If you have an immediate concern that needs attention, please contact Grayford Payne or Dan Durbray in the Commissioner's Office.

Robert

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Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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I also spent a couple of hours with an irrigator who is being blackmailed and extorted into selling his water rights and land .
This is absolute defiance of this judge's 1986 ruling and harsh admonishment directed at the BIA and the Secretary of Interior....attachment all the way down at the bottom.....instead we get racketeering and gangsterism.

The question now is:

" does anyone in authority, like Jack Seivers of MSU and Securities Commissioner Rosendale

have the honor and integrity to order a FORENSIC audit that state law, Montana State University school of Agriculture charter requires and the Koch Brothers have already paid for ?

This is the \$ Trillion dollar question that will drive the 2018 Senate race.

Substance over "schmoozers ",
public interest over pathetic , narcissistic photo ops that prove nothing but
insecurity and incompetence.

Respecting the public by electing those who do, and have done for 2 decades, the
actual work instead of phony carnival barkers who use prominent & unwilling
citizens as props in their micro managed, staged video commercials.

They are not "one of you" if they disobey the judge in the attached PDF and the US
Constitution.
They are part of the Swamp.

"Do what you all ways did ,get what you always got.".....corruption.

Draining the Swamp begins at the headwaters right here in MONTANA

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Sue to enforce the U.S. Constitution and drain the swamp in Montana.
There is no " like " Janette ,
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You may want to take another look at the (FERC) document Robert Fanning, Gene Erb and others hired Lawrence Kogan to represent private property owners in the West. Have you kept up on that Proceeding and made sure the Judges have their needed information? You have a Fiduciary Responsibility.

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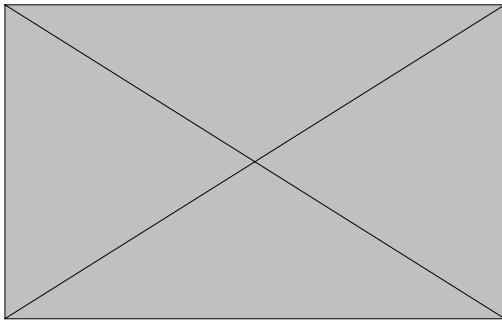
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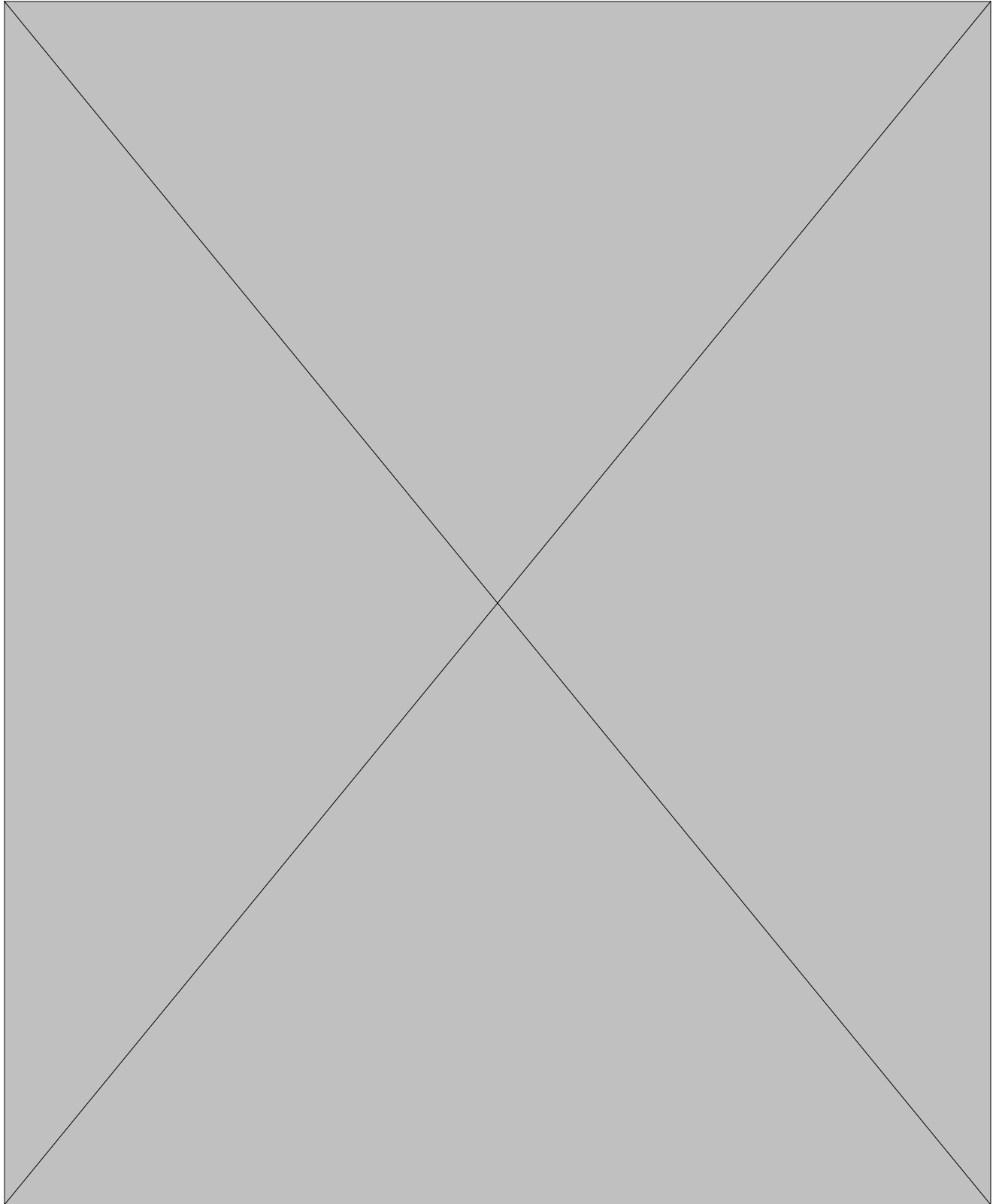
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<http://themillenniumreport.com/2017/07/14-3-quadrillion-lien-taken-against-all-u-s-land-real-estate-and-people-on-july-28-2011/>

On Aug 12, 2017 10:02 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

I also spent a couple of hours with an irrigator who is being blackmailed and extorted into selling his water rights and land .
This is absolute defiance of this judge's 1986 ruling and harsh admonishment directed at the BIA and the Secretary of Interior....attachment all the way down at the bottom.....instead we get racketeering and gangsterism.

The question now is:

" does anyone in authority, like Jack Seivers of MSU and Securities Commissioner Rosendale

have the honor and integrity to order a FORENSIC audit that state law, Montana State University school of Agriculture charter requires and the Koch Brothers have already paid for ?

This is the \$ Trillion dollar question that will drive the 2018 Senate race.

Substance over "schmoozers",
public interest over pathetic, narcissistic photo ops that prove nothing but
insecurity and incompetence.

Respecting the public by electing those who do, and have done for 2 decades, the
actual work instead of phony carnival barkers who use prominent & unwilling
citizens as props in their micro managed, staged video commercials.

They are not "one of you" if they disobey the judge in the attached PDF and the US
Constitution.

They are part of the Swamp.

"Do what you always did, get what you always got.".....corruption.

Draining the Swamp begins at the headwaters right here in MONTANA

On Aug 2, 2017 10:00 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2017/08/us-health-care-reform-debate-not-address.html>

On Jul 31, 2017 12:45 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Sue to enforce the U.S. Constitution and drain the swamp in Montana.
There is no "like" Janette,
only duty once you have sworn the oath.

On Jul 31, 2017 11:29 AM, "Janette Rosman" <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Sounds like you like to sue people? Rotten apples on the tree, thank you for updating me. I
was not aware. Janette

From: Gene Erb Jr [mailto:(b) (6)]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 6:57 AM
To: Janette Rosman; 'Robert Fanning'
Cc: 'DNRC Land Board'; 'MT Rep Dick Barrett'; 'Frandsen Deb (Tester)'; 'Roger Starkel'; 'Travis Kavulla'; 'Richard Erb'; 'Jack Horner'; 'Kristin Omvig'; 'Debra Lamm'; 'Steve Hughes'; 'Paul Guenzler'; 'Dr. Kate Vandemoer'; 'Kathleen Mazure'; 'Daniel Salomon'; 'Patricia Gillis'; 'Brad Hamlett'; 'Paul Wadsworth'; 'Paul Hunsucker'; 'David Lake'; 'MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick'; 'Bruce Fredrickson'; 'Ryan Zinke'; 'Senator Jon Tester'; 'Ken Cornelius'; 'BruceTutvedtSD3'; 'Mary Stranahan'; 'Bill & Grace Slack'; 'Steve Daines'; 'MT Sen Chas Vincent'; 'Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch'; 'Alan Mikkelsen'; 'Duane Mecham'; 'Mike Horn'; 'Jon Metropoulos'; 'Jack & Susan Lake'
Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

1. Water Commissioner Janette Rosman this is the second part of the email that was sent to you and some of your Flathead Commissioners yesterday. You took a oath of Office and if you Do Not understand this? I will be more than happy to file a complaint as a water right owner and user in your District, and Judge Manley can explain this to both of us? How about them Apples.
2. For your information the Funds were donated to Montana State University for the Forensic Audit by the Koch Brothers as explained by Mike Horn. I am positive Robert Fanning would be happy to send you the information again.
3. You may want to take another look at the (FERC) document Robert Fanning, Gene Erb and others hired Lawrence Kogan to represent private property owners in the West. Have you kept up on that Proceeding and made sure the Judges have their needed information? You have a Fiduciary Responsibility.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 1:58 PM, Janette Rosman <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

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1. Robert there is a very suspect in this Action??? In the **(1963 Redesignation of Water Rights)** by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under direction of Secretary of Interior the lands that were out of the Project also included at that time would have given Congress control of the **(PROJECT)**? Another theft without Compensation.
2. Chas Vincent and his Daddy Bruce Vincent and cousin Commissioner Dave Vincent may be able to explain this to the FBI.
3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???
4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 10:32 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

On Jul 28, 2017 9:55 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert some times folks appear to be hiding the truth!!! Looks like the FBI Auditors may want to start **(HERE)**, I had not a clue in 1991 buying a small ranch at Charlo Mt. that the Government was subsidizing a payment of over 7000.00 per year? Lucky for me Dennis Krantz working at the USDA and we not being one of the **(Good Old Boys and Girls Club)** it was amended and finally ended. You don't suppose that went into a retirement FUND somewhere the Auditors may find it? Mr. Krantz was subleasing the land Dave Snyder purchased in 1985 these water rights, I found after we purchased the property were amended by the **(DNRC)** also. Mr Jack Stivers pushed a 70 yr old dear friend from behind at one of the Compact meetings 4-5 yrs ago and the MSU office is still paying his retirement?

On Saturday, July 1, 2017 7:47 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

If they'll steal your water,electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

On Jun 30, 2017 11:35 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l_GQGs.&m_gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b_qsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA

Now you know why the DEEP STATE is in a panic attack to steal your private property

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On Jun 30, 2017 12:01 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

On Jun 30, 2017 8:30 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?

2. As you will find in the second attachment, the districts filed a claim with the uses and the (DNRC) failed to finish the paper work. Does anyone know who was coaching Alan as he claims to be a expert witness and when is asked about the uses stockwater, domestic, municipal, and power generation they may have not received the response yet today? The (DNRC) has purchased plenty of land in the State. 3. Does anyone happen to know how much money the Federal Government paid for the pipeline to the Walt Shock Ranch? This contract is within the 5yr statue of limitations? Some of us may know neighbors that asked for the right to use this pipeline also and were denied equal and just distribution.

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When the Tresury Department sends their Speial Investigators, those " G Men " are CPA 's MBA 's and experts in white collar crime.

They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the " G Men " caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

On Jun 28, 2017 12:14 AM, "Mike Horn" <(b) (6)> wrote:

The Question is: What is the quantification of the HARM?

1. Quantification Scope: Lost Water Rights, Lost Jobs, Lowered Incomes, Population Displacement, Lowered Business Activity, Reduced Farm Income and equipment sales, Decline in Economic Potential, Increase in Crime. Quantification is measured in dollars and other factors including quality of living.
2. Quantification Assessment A credible sourcing would naturally be Montana State University Bozeman - Ag Economics taking the lead. A Principle Investigator would be identified to produce a planning document and a proposed budget. This would likely be a multi-year project. (The Koch Bros. have established a long term endowment to bolster the MSU Ag Economics

Department.)

3. Congressional legislation usually neglects impact quantification and assessments. This judicial demand for one must be addressed with a credible construct for one. All parties should agree that this would be a significant precedent to quantify HARM in any legislation.

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Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:06 AM
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I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders".

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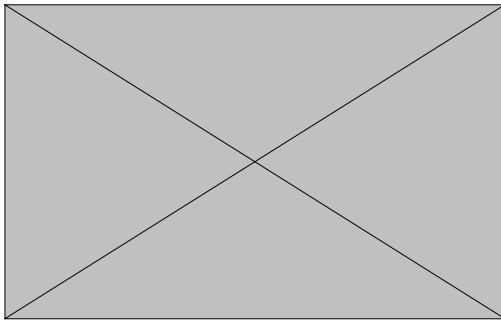
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April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

<http://freerangereport.com/index.php/2017/06/25/scotus-rules-landowners-have-no-recourse-when-government-regs-undermine-property-values/>



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freerangereport.com

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Robert if one individual could only purchase 160 acres under the Homestead Act, and had to prove up on it prior to receiving a Patent, Rocky Mountain Power sends J.E. Bell to file on the Flathead River prior to the 1920 Federal Power Act. Thanks to Rick B. for the (Opening and Sales of Indian Lands) the Villa sites were Auctioned off in 1915. And the State of Montana (DNRC) involved with the Theft also, we are lucky there are honest hard working people that helped with the information from them also.

On Monday, June 26, 2017 12:59 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

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On Monday, June 19, 2017 3:22 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Yo, Steve

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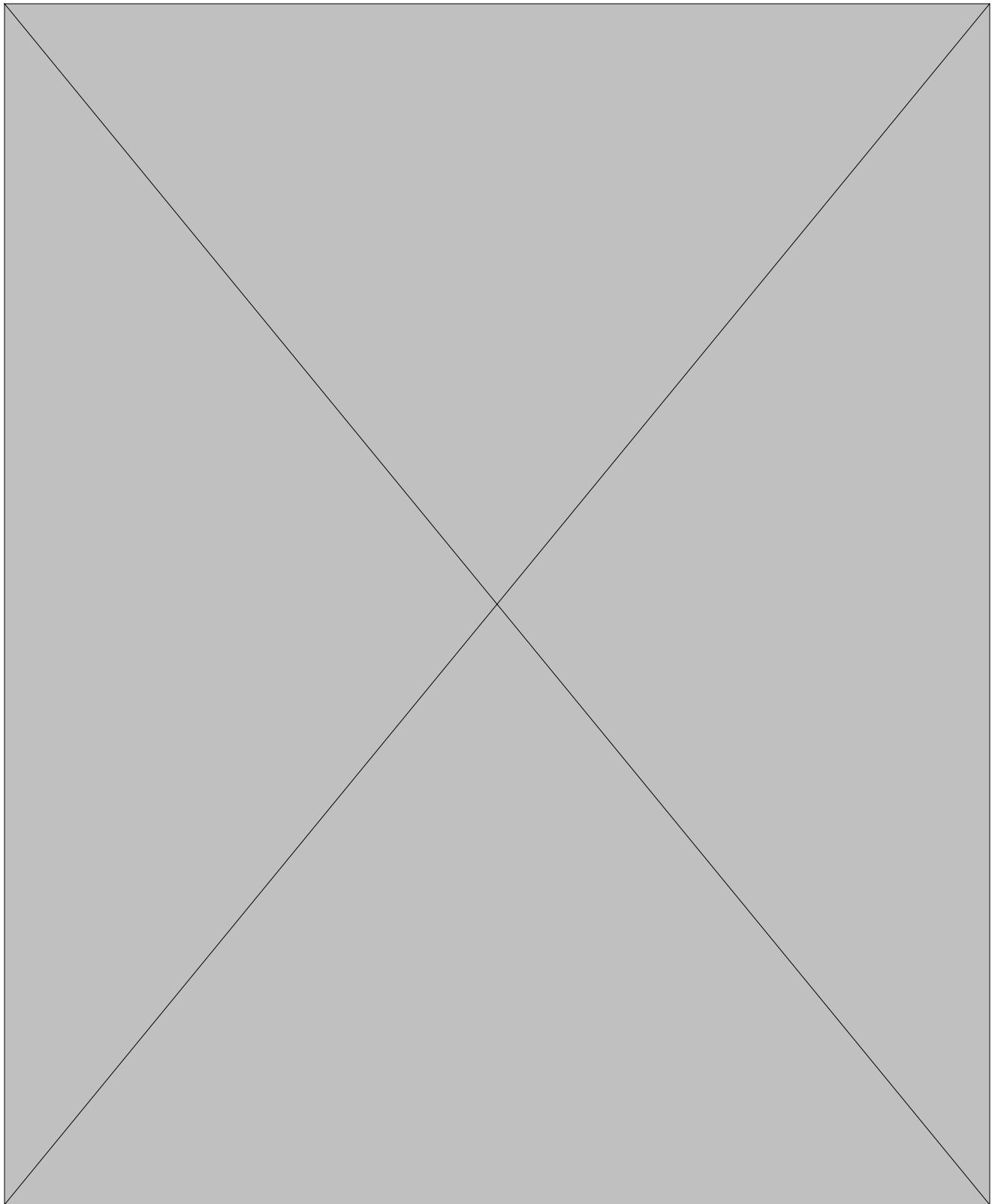
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Cc: Boulton, Caroline[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
To: (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke (b) (6)
From: Todd DeGhetto
Sent: 2017-08-26T16:33:58-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Comms Check and Possible Link up
Received: 2017-08-26T16:34:02-04:00

Thanks Brother!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 26, 2017, at 4:25 PM, (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke <(b) (6)> wrote:

T, I have ccd caroline to assist. Ellaine will also contact u on tours, etc.
Hooyah..Z

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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From: Todd DeGhetto (b) (6)
Date: 08/26/2017 1:20 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: Comms Check and Possible Link up

Z,

All that sounds outstanding!!! WH tour, top of the Lincoln, monuments... Whatever time you have to spare we greatly appreciate! We have booked stuff for the weekend already. The 11th through the 15th are wide open if that still works. If not let me know.

Hooyah!!!
Todd.

See you soon,
V/R Todd.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 8:11 PM (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke <(b) (6)> wrote:

Todd, I would be happy to offer a vip tour of the monuments and an

office call. Ever been to the top of the Lincoln monument ? Let me know if you want a WH tour. I am looking for a deputy chief of staff. Hooyah. Z

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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From: Todd DeGhetto (b) (6)
Date: 08/24/2017 2:47 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke
Subject: Comms Check and Possible Link up

Mr. Secretary (Ryan)

My family is going to be in the DC area 9 -15 Sept.

(b) (6)

Are you in town? If possible it would be great opportunity for the kids if we could get a 15min office call with you. The National Parks are part of their curriculum. Plus it would be great to see you besides on TV.

Cheer Brother,
V/R Todd

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3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???
4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

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In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

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Robert some times folks appear to be hiding the truth!!! Looks like the FBI Auditors may want to start **(HERE)**, I had not a clue in 1991 buying a small ranch at Charlo Mt. that the Government was subsidizing a payment of over 7000.00 per year? Lucky for me Dennis Krantz working at the USDA and we not being one of the **(Good Old Boys and Girls Club)** it was amended and finally ended. You don't suppose that went into a retirement FUND somewhere the Auditors may find it? Mr. Krantz was subleasing the land Dave Snyder purchased in 1985 these water rights, I found after we purchased the property were amended by the **(DNRC)** also. Mr Jack Stivers pushed a 70 yr old dear friend from behind at one of the Compact meetings 4-5 yrs ago and the MSU office is still paying his retirement?

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<https://www.usnews.com/news/be-st-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

On Jun 30, 2017 8:30 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?
2. As you will find in the second attachment, the districts filed a claim with the uses and the (DNRC) failed to finish the paper work. Does anyone know who was coaching Alan as he claims to be a expert witness and when is asked about the uses stockwater, domestic, municipal, and power generation they may have not received the response yet today? The (DNRC) has purchased plenty of land in the State.
3. Does anyone happen to know how much money the Federal Government paid for the pipeline to the Walt Shock Ranch? This contract is within the 5yr statue of limitations? Some of us may know neighbors that asked for the right to use this pipeline also and were denied equal and just distribution.

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They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the " G Men " caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

On Jun 28, 2017 12:14 AM, "Mike Horn" <(b) (6)> wrote:

The Question is: What is the quantification of the HARM?

1. Quantification Scope: Lost Water Rights, Lost Jobs, Lowered Incomes,

Population Displacement, Lowered Business Activity, Reduced Farm Income and equipment sales, Decline in Economic Potential, Increase in Crime. Quantification is measured in dollars and other factors including quality of living.

2. Quantification Assessment – A credible sourcing would naturally be Montana State University – Bozeman - Ag Economics taking the lead. A Principle Investigator would be identified to produce a planning document and a proposed budget. This would likely be a multi-year project. (The Koch Bros. have established a long term endowment to bolster the MSU Ag Economics Department.)

3. Congressional legislation usually neglects impact quantification and assessments. This judicial demand for one must be addressed with a credible construct for one. All parties should agree that this would be a significant precedent to quantify HARM in any legislation.

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Then elect me to the U.S Senate in order to insure that those who have been harmed, both individual and government entities are paid.

I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders".

You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

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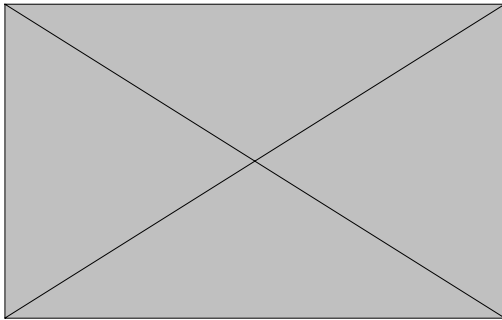
For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

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Robert if one individual could only purchase 160 acres under the Homestead Act, and had to prove up on it prior to receiving a Patent, Rocky Mountain Power sends J.E. Bell to file on the Flathead River prior to the 1920 Federal Power Act. Thanks to Rick B. for the (Opening and Sales of Indian Lands) the Villa sites were Auctioned off in 1915. And the State of Montana (DNRC) involved with the Theft also, we are lucky there are honest hard working people that helped with the information from them also.

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On Monday, June 19, 2017 3:22 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Yo, Steve

GIVE THE FJB a written legal opinion as to WHY a forensic audit
(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

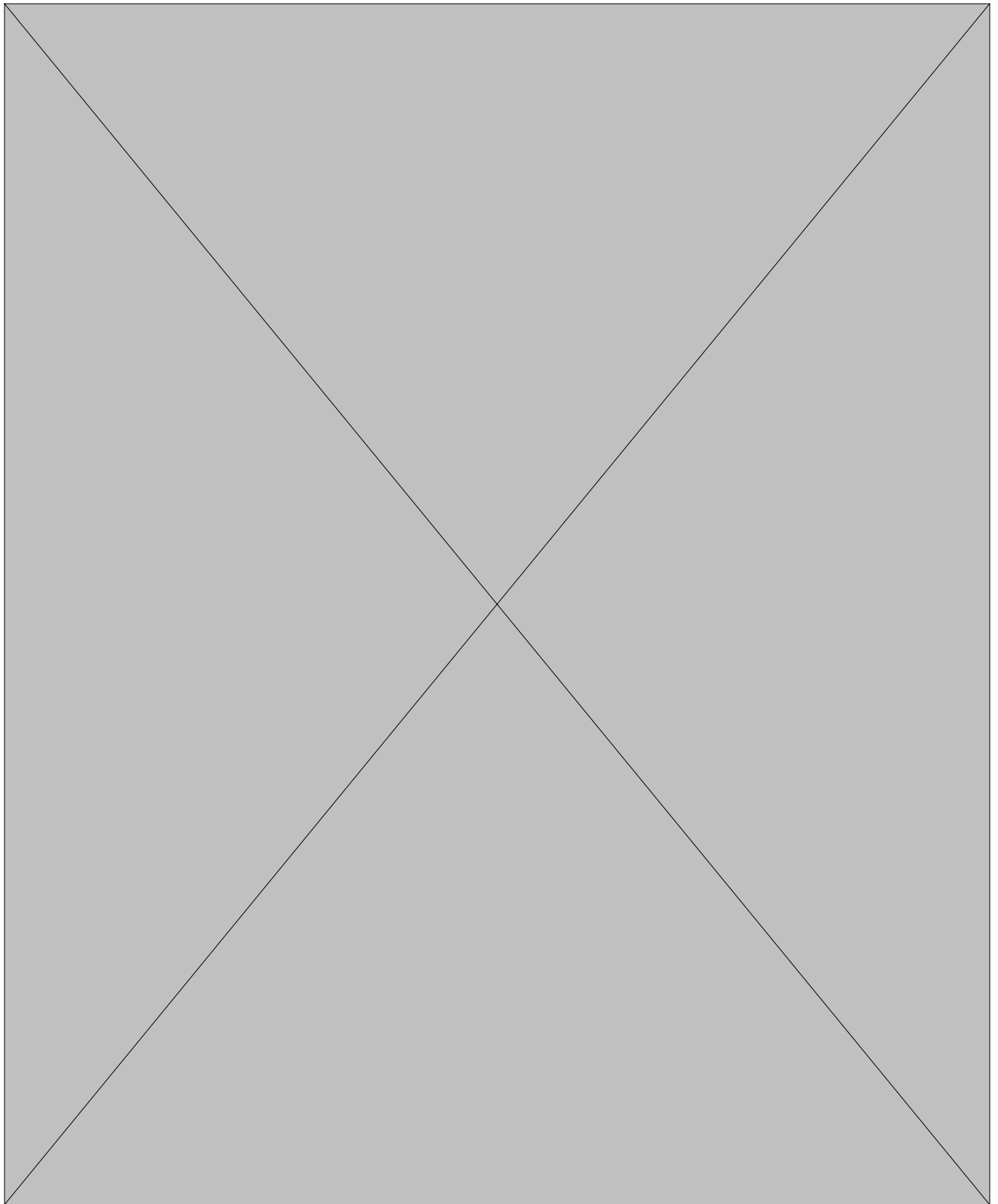
You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

I will be out of the office and on travel status from June 3 through June 10, working in our Mid-Pacific Region. I will try to return calls and emails when I have the appropriate facilities to do so. If you have an immediate concern that needs attention, please contact Grayford Payne or Dan Durbray in the Commissioner's Office.

Robert you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

From: Gene Erb Jr [mailto:[\(b\)\(6\)@fbi.gov](mailto:(b)(6)@fbi.gov)]

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 12:47 PM

To: Robert Fanning

Cc: DNRC Land Board; MT Rep Dick Barrett; Janette Rosman; Frandsen Deb (Tester); Roger Starkel; Travis Kavulla; Richard Erb; Jack Horner; Kristin Omvig; Debra Lamm; Steve Hughes; Paul Guenzler; Dr. Kate Vandemoer; Kathleen Mazure; Daniel Salomon; Patricia Gillis; Brad Hamlett; Paul Wadsworth; Paul Hunsucker; David Lake; MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick; Bruce Fredrickson; Ryan Zinke; Senator Jon Tester; Ken Cornelius; BruceTutvedtSD3; Mary Stranahan; Bill & Grace Slack; Steve Daines; MT Sen Chas Vincent; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch; Alan Mikkelsen; Duane Mecham; Mike Horn; Jon Metropoulos; Jack & Susan Lake

Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

1. Robert there is a very suspect in this Action??? In the **(1963 Redesignation of Water Rights)** by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under direction of Secretary of Interior the lands that were out of the Project also included at that time would have given Congress control of the **(PROJECT)**? Another theft without Compensation.

2. Chas Vincent and his Daddy Bruce Vincent and cousin Commissioner Dave Vincent may be able to explain this to the FBI.

3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???

4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 10:32 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

On Jul 28, 2017 9:55 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert some times folks appear to be hiding the truth!!! Looks like the FBI Auditors may want to start (HERE), I had not a clue in 1991 buying a small ranch at Charlo Mt. that the Government was subsidizing a payment of over 7000.00 per year? Lucky for me Dennis Krantz working at the USDA and we not being one of the (Good Old Boys and Girls Club) it was amended and finally ended. You don't suppose that went into a retirement FUND somewhere the Auditors may find it? Mr. Krantz was subleasing the land Dave Snyder purchased in 1985 these water rights, I found after we purchased the property were amended by the (DNRC) also. Mr Jack Stivers pushed a 70 yr old dear friend from behind at one of the Compact meetings 4-5 yrs ago and the MSU office is still paying his retirement?

On Saturday, July 1, 2017 7:47 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

If they'll steal your water,electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

On Jun 30, 2017 11:35 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GQGs.&m=gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b=qsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA>

Now you know why the DEEP STATE is in a panic attack to steal your private property

<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=GQGs.&m=gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b=qsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA>

On Jun 30, 2017 12:01 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/be st-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to- investigate-lawyer-misconduct- cases>

On Jun 30, 2017 8:30 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?
2. As you will find in the second attachment, the districts filed a claim with the uses and the (DNRC) failed to finish the paper work. Does anyone know who was coaching Alan as he claims to be a expert witness and when is asked about the uses stockwater, domestic, municipal, and power generation they may have not received the response yet today? The (DNRC) has purchased plenty of land in the State.
3. Does anyone happen to know how much money the Federal Government paid for the pipeline to the

Walt Shock Ranch? This contract is within the 5yr statue of limitations? Some of us may know neighbors that asked for the right to use this pipeline also and were denied equal and just distribution.

On Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:55 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

When the Tresury Department sends their Speial Investigators, those " G Men " are CPA 's MBA 's and experts in white collar crime.

They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the " G Men " caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

On Jun 28, 2017 12:14 AM, "Mike Horn" <(b) (6)> wrote:

The Question is: What is the quantification of the HARM?

1. Quantification Scope: Lost Water Rights, Lost Jobs, Lowered Incomes, Population Displacement, Lowered Business Activity, Reduced Farm Income and equipment sales, Decline in Economic Potential, Increase in Crime. Quantification is measured in dollars and other factors including quality of living.
2. Quantification Assessment – A credible sourcing would naturally be Montana State University – Bozeman - Ag Economics taking the lead. A Principle Investigator would be identified to produce a planning document and a proposed budget. This would likely be a multi-year project. (The Koch Bros. have established a long term endowment to bolster the MSU Ag Economics Department.)
3. Congressional legislation usually neglects impact quantification and assessments. This judicial demand for one must be addressed with a credible construct for one. All parties should agree that this would be a significant precedent to quantify HARM in any legislation.

From: Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Gene Erb; Mike Horn; Debra Lamm
Cc: Janette Rosman; MT Rep Dick Barrett; DNRC Land Board; Frandsen Deb (Tester); Roger Starkel; Richard Erb; Brad Hamlett; Jack Horner; Kristin Omgig; MT Sen Chas Vincent; Steve Hughes; Paul Guenzler; Dr. Kate Vandemoer; Kathleen Mazure; Daniel

Salomon; Patricia Gillis; Paul Wadsworth; Paul Hunsucker; David Lake; MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick; Bruce Fredrickson; Ryan Zinke; Ken Cornelius; Mary Stranahan; BruceTutvedtSD3; Bill & Grace Slack; Steve Daines; Senator Jon Tester; Duane Mecham; Alan Mikkelsen; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch; Jack & Susan Lake; Jon Metropoulos

Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

Quantify the HARM, so this can get in front of the U.S. Court of Claims and / or get an appropriations rider attached in Congress.

Then elect me to the U.S Senate in order to insure that those who have been harmed, both individual and government entities are paid.

I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders".

You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

P.S.

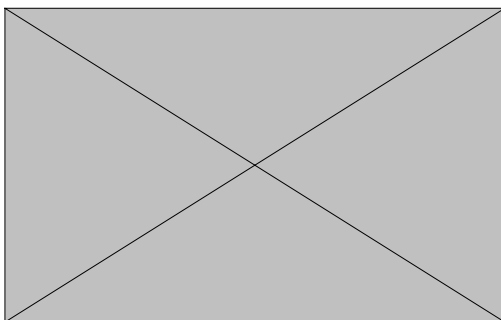
For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

<http://freerangereport.com/index.php/2017/06/25/scotus-rules-landowners-have-no-recourse-when-government-regs-undermine-property-values/>



SCOTUS rules landowners have no recourse when government regs undermine property values

freerangereport.com

"Put simply, today's decision knocks the definition of 'private property' loose from its foundation on stable state law rules," Roberts wrote. The ruling "compro..."

On Jun 27, 2017 8:52 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert if one individual could only purchase 160 acres under the Homestead Act, and had to prove up on it prior to receiving a Patent, Rocky Mountain Power sends J.E. Bell to file on the Flathead River prior to the 1920 Federal Power Act. Thanks to Rick B. for the (Opening and Sales of Indian Lands) the Villa sites were Auctioned off in 1915. And the State of Montana (DNRC) involved with the Theft also, we are lucky there are honest hard working people that helped with the information from them also.

On Monday, June 26, 2017 12:59 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

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<https://vimeo.com/124787340>

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On Jun 21, 2017 8:23 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert you have the Tenacity, True Grit and the Resume to manage this Lawsuit to the Full Extent of the Law. Your Record proves your ability. After the intervenors in the (FERC) License ran for cover? Allowing the (State and Big Power Companies) to steal "Water and Power" from the Landowners, here are a few more Documents proving Ownership. Robert I do not see any influence from the State of Montana on the Charles and Lulu water right these business deals were done prior to the Formation of the Irrigation Districts. These waters were reserved prior. I like <-YOUR-> letter. I can't believe the State of Montana has allowed a State Senator to file on water rights after the Legislature passed the Bill to send the Waters in the State to the Government of the United States, to Appropriate February 27, 1905.

On Monday, June 19, 2017 3:22 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Yo, Steve

GIVE THE FJB a written legal opinion as to WHY a forensic audit
(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

...

To: Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]; Ryan Zinke (b) (6)]
From: Rich Golb
Sent: 2017-08-28T15:12:04-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Catching Up
Received: 2017-08-28T15:41:57-04:00

Mr. Secretary - Ron Teed and I plan to attend the Oct 9 UO game v Nebraska. Ron has a box for the game and we would love to have you join us if you'll be in Eugene that weekend. Also, as you suggested, I'm in touch with Caroline for a meeting with you on Monday or Tuesday, September 11 or 12. My cell is (b) (6) if you would like to catch up.

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Cc: Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
To: Ryan Zinke (b) (6)
From: rich@pacificcommllc.com
Sent: 2017-08-28T16:32:39-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Catching Up
Received: 2017-08-28T16:39:27-04:00

Mr. Secretary - No worries. And safe travels. Maybe we could meet with David Bernhardt? I'll check with Caroline.

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On Aug 28, 2017, at 1:19 PM, (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke <(b) (6)> wrote:

Thanks rich. Fyi. I won't be back in the office until 14 sept. Cabinet meeting followed by NYC until the 14th. 9 Oct I will be in FL. Say hello to ron for me. Go ducks. Z

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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From: Richard Golb <rich@pacificcommllc.com>
Date: 08/28/2017 3:12 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Caroline Boulton <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>, Ryan Zinke
<(b) (6)>
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Thanks richard

To: Richard Erb[richarderb@montana.com]; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch[brknhkrnch@stignatius.net]; Dr. Kate Vandemoer[waterforworldpeace@gmail.com]; Jack Horner (b) (6); Mary Stranahan[mary@goodworksventures.com]; Paul Wadsworth (b) (6); Steve Hughes (b) (6); Paul Hunsucker (b) (6); U.S. Senate[senator@tester.senate.gov]; Paul Guenzler[sharongu@ronan.net]; Daniel Salomon[dansalomon12@gmail.com]; Jon Metropoulos[jon@metropouloslaw.com]; MT Rep Dick Barrett[rnewbar@gmail.com]; Jack & Susan Lake[jlake@ronan.net]; David Lake[spud@cyberport.net]; Ryan Zinke (b) (6); MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick[fitzpatrick@bresnan.net]; Duane Mecham[duane.mecham@sol.doi.gov]; Ken Cornelius (b) (6); Bill & Grace Slack (b) (6); Chas Vincent[cvvincent@hotmail.com]; Bruce Fredrickson[bruce@rmtlawp.com]; Frandsen Deb (Tester)[deb_frandsen@tester.senate.gov]; Patricia Gillis[patricia.gillis@ferc.gov]; Bruce TutvedtSD3[brucetutvedt@gmail.com]; Kristin Omvig[kristin@rmtlawp.com]; Bradley Hamlett[senatorhamlett@gmail.com]; Janette Rosman[janette@ronan.net]; DNRC Land Board[landboard@mt.gov]; Alan Mikkelsen[amikkelsen@usbr.gov]; greghertz11@gail.com[greghertz11@gail.com]; Giles Conway-Gordon (b) (6)

From: Gene Erb Jr

Sent: 2017-08-30T13:35:02-04:00

Importance: Normal

Subject: Google Alert - markit 30 year treasury credit default swaps

Received: 2017-08-30T13:36:46-04:00

Yo Dick your from the **U.S. Treasury** check this **GLOBAL PONZI** scheme who's going to buy this shit the **MARTIANS**? Have you watched **ENRON** the Smartest Guy's in the Room?

On Wednesday, August 30, 2017 8:58 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

The canary in the mine for those professionals who have a trained eye and know how to look and interpret.

T--Bond futures trading at 157.

Tester couldn't make an intelligent comment on this if his life depended on it.....and he's on the U.S Senate banking committee.

America needs U.S Senators who have a set of titanium balls, not schmoozing, fawning sycophantic photo op seeking phonys

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From: "Google Alerts" <googlealerts-noreply@google.com>

Date: Aug 29, 2017 3:39 PM

Subject: Google Alert - markit 30 year treasury credit default swaps

To: <bruisernd73@gmail.com>

Cc:

markit 30 year treasury credit default swaps

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GCC new issuance debt value jumps 57.22%

The Peninsula Qatar

The total value of new issuances in the GCC **bonds** and sukuk **market** in 2016 ... During 2016, five-year **credit default swap (CDS)** for all GCC **sovereign** ... **sovereign** issuances were made for a maturity of 10 years and **30 years**.



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To: (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke
Cc: Boulton, Caroline[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]; Kwong, Susan[SKwong@tpg.com]
From: Daly, Jack
Sent: 2017-09-05T15:38:05-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: 9/11 and 9/12
Received: 2017-09-05T15:38:12-04:00

Great...nyc for 9/11 will be good. My family can't make it out for the visit so I'm flying solo.

Caroline, my official name is John F. Daly. Please reach out to me and susan if you need any other info.

Jack

JDaly@TPG.com
415-743-1699

On Sep 5, 2017, at 11:39 AM, (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke <(b) (6)> wrote:

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Date: 09/05/2017 1:46 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Ryan Zinke <(b) (6)>
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Ryan, thanks for the invite...I'm free anytime Monday 9/11 (morning or afternoon) and Tuesday 9/12 in the morning. I'm tied up Tuesday afternoon. Can do dinner on the 11th and/or 12th.

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Subject: Re: 9/11 and 9/12
Received: 2017-09-05T19:13:06-04:00

Ryan, let me know if you're free both mon and Tuesday night for dinner. If so, I will schedule 2 gatherings.

I just spoke w JW Williams who is in nyc for the next year at the CFR doing a fellowship. As you know, he just turned over command of Dev group to matt burns. He's up for joining us for dinner. I will keep both nights to 6-8 good guys for dinner. Let me know if Lola is joining you...if so, we will have a few couples instead of just guys

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Cc: Boulton, Caroline[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
To: (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke (b) (6)
From: Todd DeGhetto
Sent: 2017-09-09T11:41:40-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Comms Check and Possible Link up
Received: 2017-09-09T11:41:50-04:00

Looking forward to seeing you too.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 9, 2017, at 10:31 AM (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke (b) (6) wrote:

Todd, I will make time to say hello. Vip tour and WH tour is set. I look forward to seeing you.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Todd DeGhetto (b) (6)
Date: 09/09/2017 7:04 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke (b) (6) >
Subject: Fwd: Comms Check and Possible Link up

Ryan,
Looks like your week is pretty packed. I understand and don't sweat it. If we don't get to see you while we are here let me know the next time you're in the Knoxville area and we'll have you over to the house or I'll come out to you.

Take care Brother and stay in touch!

Todd

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From: Boulton, Caroline <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Fri, Sep 8, 2017 at 2:58 PM
Subject: Re: Comms Check and Possible Link up
To: Todd DeGhetto (b) (6)

Hi Todd,

Right now he is traveling for the majority of next week with the 14-15th pretty packed; I'll be in touch about a potential time to stop in if one is available!

There is only public parking around the White House; it does get emptier at night when most people leave work for the day. They do recommend public transportation; the closest metro stop (McPherson Square on the orange/blue/silver lines) is only a few blocks from the entrance.

Best,
Caroline

On Thu, Sep 7, 2017 at 5:42 AM, Todd DeGhetto (b) (6) wrote:

Good morning Caroline,
With the hurricane damage in TX and the next one close on its heels I understand if Sec Zinke is not available for an office call next week. Thanks again for setting up the WH tour and monument tour. I do have a question...

(b) (6)

We have our car but concerned about parking for the WH tour.
Where is the best place to park or should we park in the close to downtown and take public transportation?

Thank you again for your time,
Todd

On Aug 31, 2017, at 4:24 PM, Boulton, Caroline
<caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Todd,
Your family is confirmed for a West Wing tour on September 12th at 8:15pm. We will send you the confirmation email next week, but the White House has confirmed this. This isn't the normal self-led East Wing tour, but are instead lead by White House staffers so they can answer any questions and provide background. They normally hit the Oval Office, the press briefing room, and others. We'll be in touch when your DOI van tour is confirmed--I know we were waiting on the White House one first before organizing ours!

Best,
Caroline

On Wed, Aug 30, 2017 at 4:41 PM, Todd DeGhetto (b) (6) wrote:

Caroline,

(b) (6)

Todd

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 30, 2017, at 1:48 PM, Boulton, Caroline <caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Todd!

One last question: [REDACTED]

(b) (6)

[REDACTED] If you're able to confirm that, that would be great!

Thanks,
Caroline

On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 5:46 PM, Todd DeGhetto (b) (6) wrote:

Sorry, I just looked at the WAVES doc and noticed I accidentally cut and pasted something I was working on for work...

On Aug 29, 2017, at 5:29 PM, Boulton, Caroline
<caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Todd,

The White House wanted to clarify whether (b) (6)

[REDACTED] Please let me know!

Thanks,
Caroline

On Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 1:49 PM, Todd DeGhetto (b) (6) wrote:

Thank you Caroline. Also for your SA and I apologize if it creates an issue. I reached out to our Senator about a capital tour. Sen Corker's tour director, Leslie Crisp, scheduled two tours for the 12th, a Capitol tour at 11:00 and Library

of Congress tour at 1:45. If those conflict please let me know and I'll reschedule. I'd rather the kids get the chance to meet Ryan and see the WH.

Thank you again!
V/R Todd

On Aug 28, 2017, at 1:43 PM, Boulton, Caroline
<caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Todd! I will let you know when we hear back about availability!

Caroline

On Mon, Aug 28, 2017 at 1:08 PM, Todd DeGhetto

(b) (6)

wrote:

Caroline,

(b) (6)

Thank you for your time and effort!
V/R Todd

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From: Daly, Jack
Sent: 2017-09-10T13:36:34-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Monday dinner
Received: 2017-09-10T13:37:12-04:00

Ryan,

We're looking forward to seeing you monday night. The guests will arrive at Henry's at 7:30 but we know you won't arrive until 8pm. They are located at (b) (6) The Chef is planning to serve dinner soon after you and Lola arrive.

Here's the list of attendees

Henry & Vanessa Cornell (Henry runs Cornell Capital, a large private equity fund; former partner at Goldman Sachs; you met him at the Yellowstone Club; Board of Directors of Navy SEAL Foundation)

Jeromy & Stephanie Williams (Navy Captain and recent CO of Dev Group; currently fellow at Council of Foreign Relations)

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Gary and Penny Kosinski (Gary grew up with bobby smith and me in pittsburgh; runs Kore Capital, a large hedge fund in Palm Beach; you met him at the Yellowstone Club...owns two properties there)

Ken Pontarelli (Ken is a recently retired partner of Goldman Sachs; buys large energy companies)

Tom Arenz (Naval Academy late 70s; graduated with Bob Harward; Managing partner of Harvest Capital, a large private equity fund)

Brian O'Callahan (CEO of CPI, a top Wall Street headhunting firm)

Best regards
Jack

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From: Robert Fanning
Sent: 2017-09-17T11:39:17-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RICO.....Americas best weapon against the Deep State an corruption.....20 to life
Received: 2017-09-17T11:42:38-04:00

http://ricoact.com/?page_id=122

RICO and the looting of Montana's hydroelectric , water and other natural resources

Where would Montana be , if we hadn't been treated like a colony of the U.S. Treasury, the IMF, and the Federal reserve and their Crony Capitalists, to be looted for the past 100 years?

20 to life for the looters and Claw back what they stole from Montana.....totaling \$1 trillion over the past 100 years.

20 to life with lawyers clawing back every penny looted.Draining the Swamp begins at the headwaters .

RICO is the best tool that "We the People " have against the Deep State.

20 to life

On Aug 2, 2017 10:00 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2017/08/us-health-care-reform-debate-not-address.html>

On Jul 31, 2017 12:45 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Sue to enforce the U.S. Constitution and drain the swamp in Montana.
There is no " like " Janette ,
only duty once you have sworn the oath .

On Jul 31, 2017 11:29 AM, "Janette Rosman" <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Sounds like you like to sue people? Rotten apples on the tree, thank you for updating me. I was not aware. Janette

From: Gene Erb Jr [mailto: [\(b\)\(6\)](mailto:(b)(6)@)]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 6:57 AM
To: Janette Rosman; 'Robert Fanning'
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1. Water Commissioner Janette Rosman this is the second part of the email that was sent to you and some of your Flathead Commissioners yesterday. You took a oath of Office and if you Do Not understand this? I will be more than happy to file a complaint as a water right owner and user in your District, and Judge Manley can explain this to both of us? How about them Apples.
2. For your information the Funds were donated to Montana State University for the Forensic Audit by the Koch Brothers as explained by Mike Horn. I am positive Robert Fanning would be happy to send you the information again.

3. You may want to take another

look at the (FERC) document Robert Fanning, Gene Erb and others hired Lawrence Kogan to represent private property owners in the West. Have you kept up on that Proceeding and made sure the Judges have their needed information? You have a Fiduciary Responsibility.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 1:58 PM, Janette Rosman <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

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Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 12:47 PM

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1. Robert there is a very suspect in this Action??? In the **(1963 Redesignation of Water Rights)** by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under direction of Secretary of Interior the lands that were out of the Project also included at that time would have given Congress control of the **(PROJECT)**? Another theft without Compensation.
2. Chas Vincent and his Daddy Bruce Vincent and cousin Commissioner Dave Vincent may be able to explain this to the FBI.
3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???
4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 10:32 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

On Jul 28, 2017 9:55 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert some times folks appear to be hiding the truth!!! Looks like the FBI Auditors may want to start **(HERE)**, I had not a clue in 1991 buying a small ranch at Charlo Mt. that the Government was subsidizing a payment of over 7000.00 per year? Lucky for me Dennis Krantz working at the USDA and we not being one of the **(Good Old Boys and Girls Club)** it was amended and finally ended. You don't suppose that went into a retirement FUND somewhere the Auditors may find it? Mr. Krantz was subleasing the land Dave Snyder purchased in 1985 these water rights, I found after we purchased the property were amended by the **(DNRC)** also. Mr Jack Stivers pushed a 70 yr old dear friend from behind at one of the Compact meetings 4-5 yrs ago and the MSU office is still paying his retirement?

On Saturday, July 1, 2017 7:47 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

If they'll steal your water,electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

On Jun 30, 2017 11:35 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l_GQGs.&m_gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b_qsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA

Now you know why the DEEP STATE is in a panic attack to steal your private property

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On Jun 30, 2017 12:01 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

On Jun 30, 2017 8:30 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?
2. As you will find in the second attachment, the districts filed a claim with the uses and the (DNRC) failed to finish the paper work. Does anyone know who was coaching Alan as he claims to be a expert witness and when is asked about the uses stockwater, domestic, municipal, and power generation they may have not received the response yet today? The (DNRC) has purchased plenty of land in the State.
3. Does anyone happen to know how much money the Federal Government paid for the pipeline to the Walt Shock Ranch? This contract is within the 5yr statute of limitations? Some of us may know neighbors that asked for the right to use this pipeline also and were denied equal and just distribution.

On Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:55 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

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They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the " G Men " caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

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freerangereport.com

“Put simply, today’s decision knocks the
definition of ‘private property’ loose from
its foundation on stable state law rules,”
Roberts wrote. The ruling “compro...

On Jun 27, 2017 8:52 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert if one individual could only purchase 160 acres under the Homestead Act, and had to prove up on it prior to receiving a Patent, Rocky Mountain Power sends J.E. Bell to file on the Flathead River prior to the 1920 Federal Power Act. Thanks to Rick B. for the (Opening and Sales of Indian Lands) the Villa sites were Auctioned off in 1915. And the State of Montana (DNRC) involved with the Theft also, we are lucky there are honest hard working people that helped with the information from them also.

On Monday, June 26, 2017 12:59 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

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<https://vimeo.com/124787340>

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Robert you have the Tenacity, True Grit and the Resume to manage this Lawsuit to the Full Extent of the Law. Your Record proves your ability. After the intervenors in the (FERC) License ran for cover? Allowing the (State and Big Power Companies) to steal "Water and Power" from the Landowners, here are a few more Documents proving Ownership. Robert I do not see any influence from the State of Montana on the Charles and Lulu water right these business deals were done prior to the Formation of the Irrigation Districts. These waters were reserved prior. I like <-YOUR-> letter. I can't believe the State of Montana has allowed a State Senator to file on water rights after the Legislature passed the Bill to send the Waters in the State to the Government of the United States, to Appropriate February 27,1905.

On Monday, June 19, 2017 3:22 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Yo, Steve

GIVE THE FJB a written legal opinion as to WHY a forensic audit

(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

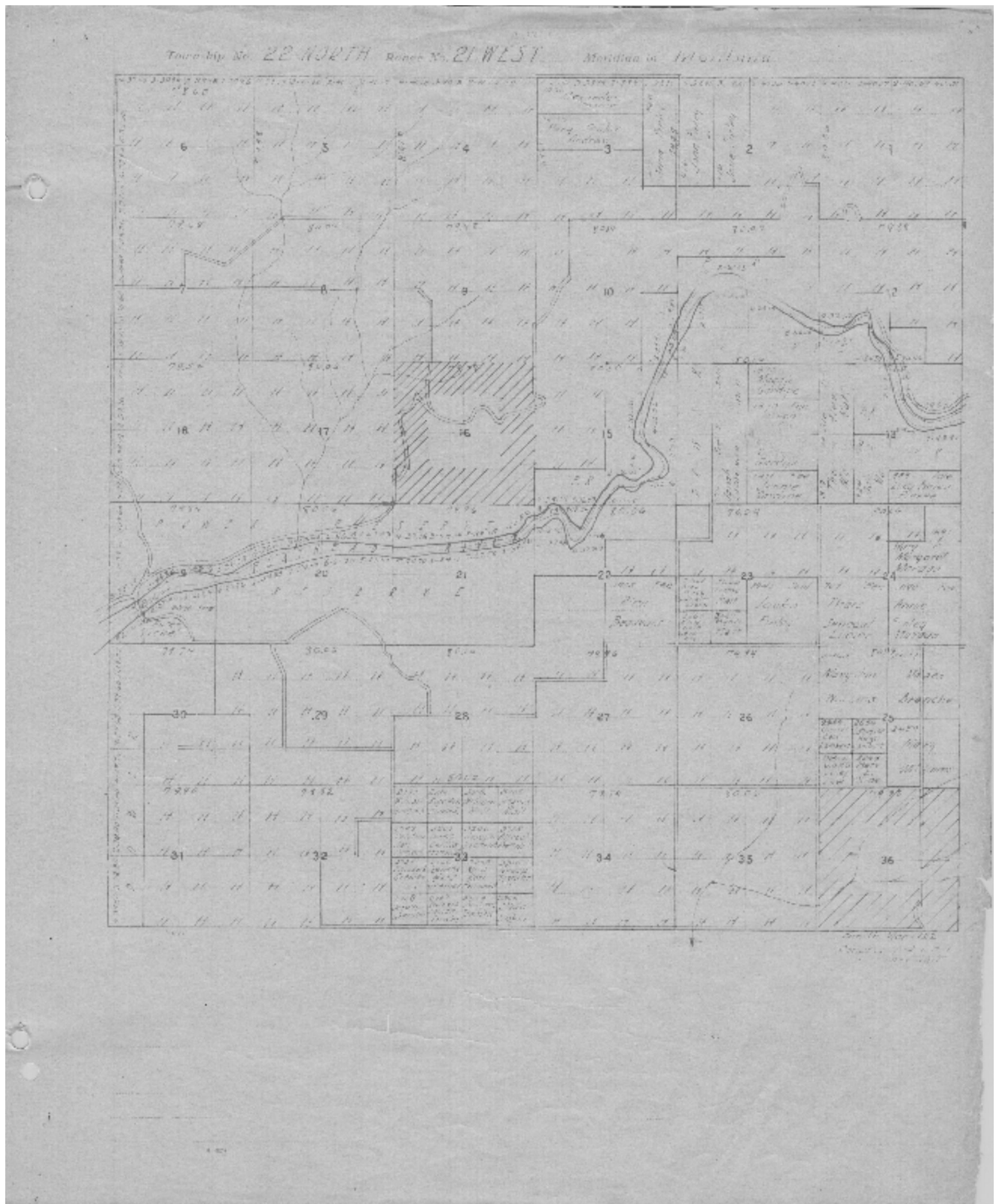
You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

I will be out of the office and on travel status from June 3 through June 10, working in our Mid-Pacific Region. I will try to return calls and emails when I have the appropriate facilities to do so. If you have an immediate concern that needs attention, please contact Grayford Payne or Dan Durbay in the Commissioner's Office.

Robert

you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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Cc: Scott Hommel[scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov]
To: Ryan Zinke (b) (6); Jeff Trandahl[jeff.trandahl@nfwf.org]
From: John Faraci
Sent: 2017-09-30T13:43:44-04:00
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Received: 2017-09-30T13:43:58-04:00

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Cc: Ryan Zinke (b) (6); Scott Hommel[scott_hommel@ios.doi.gov]
From: Jeff Trandahl
Sent: 2017-09-30T20:00:19-04:00
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Subject: Re:
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That's great.

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Thx guys. Great progress. Both have indicated that they will be at the Nov meeting.

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Alan Mikkelsen at his finest, looks like the Department of Agriculture and the Secretary of Interior formed plenty of (COMPANIES) to buy the Allotted Lands on the Flathead Irrigation Project this is only one Township with Sections 16 & 36 for Schools not Montana Fish and Game Commission and back to the (USA) yes in (TRUST).

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We get it.

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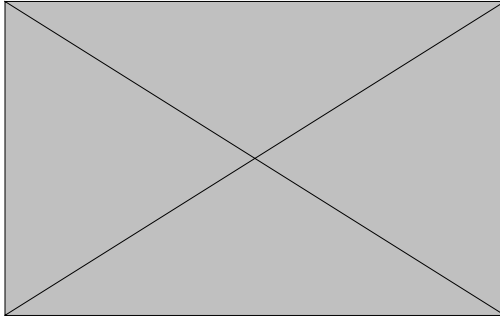
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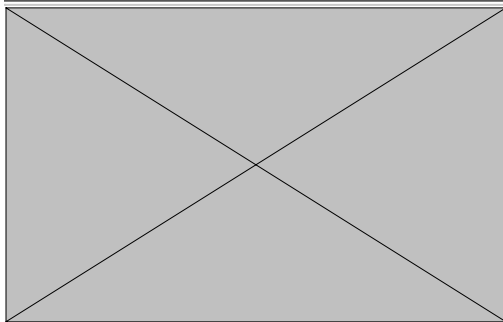
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I've written several long draft emails to express my support for your article, but to be direct, I hope we can find a way to bring action to the vision. In particular I believe we could focus on two goals:

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Sent from my iPad

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.....my lawyer Karen Budd Falen in her Cheyenne, Wyoming in April 2003.

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Check out

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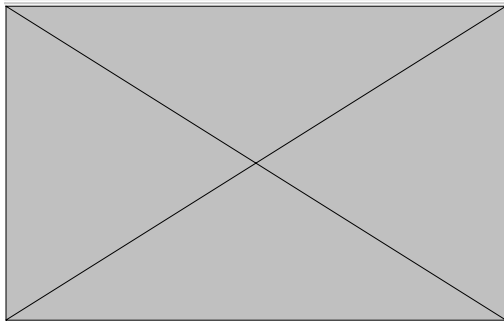
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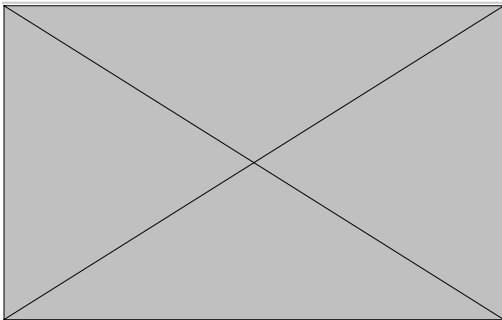
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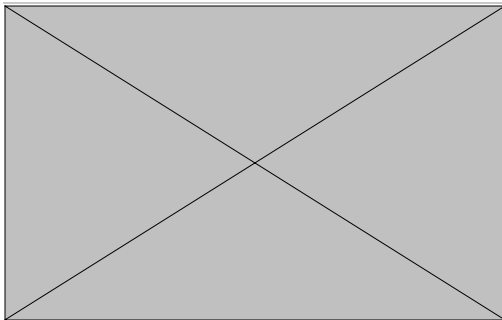
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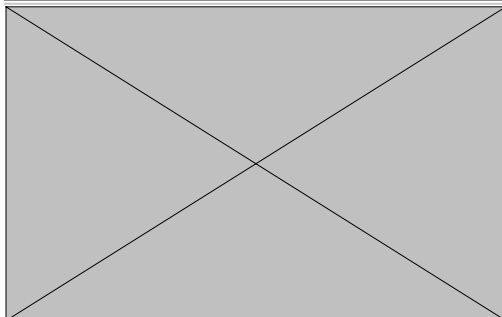
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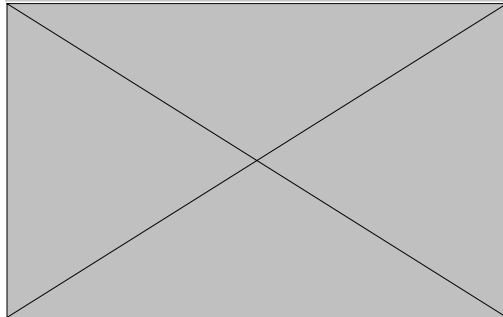
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From: Gene Erb Jr
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Subject: Re: Alan did you have a Fiduciary Responsibility to protect everyone's "WATER RIGHTS" ?
Received: 2017-10-27T14:02:21-04:00
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Al check this out Sec. 34 has EO 8145 changing the name of Ninepipe Reservoir signed May 31,1939 would anyone know if the Supreme Court has ruled on Executive Orders? By the way I purchased Land in Section 32 in 1991 and was not notified of this EO8145 maybe the FWS was aware???

On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 7:35:51 AM MST, Alan Mikkelsen <alanmikk@gmail.com> wrote:

Sorry Gene, I was otherwise occupied, (b) (6)

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Alan you should have attended the independent Flathead District meeting yesterday, Chairman Dr. Dick added Senator McCain asked for funds from the Bureau of Reclamation for BIA projects. These Court Orders do not appear to be Obsolete.

To: Boulton, Caroline[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Ryan Zinke (b) (6)]
From: Daniel Paluch
Sent: 2017-11-05T13:43:34-05:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Visit to DC
Received: 2017-11-05T13:43:43-05:00

Caroline,

I hope you're well! Communicated with the Secretary, he asked me to contact you. I'll be in DC from the 14th to the 17th of November, and was hoping to get together with the Secretary for a visit. I will be available the evening of the 14th, all day on the 15th, breakfast, lunch, and dinner time on the 16th, and at breakfast and lunch time on the 17th. Does he have any availability at those times?

Best,
Daniel

To: Frank J. Larkin[Frank_Larkin@saa.senate.gov]; Frank J. Larkin (b) (6); Ryan Zinke (b) (6); Mike Arg (b) (6)
michael_argo@ios.doi.gov[michael_argo@ios.doi.gov]
From: Tom Valentine
Sent: 2017-11-14T10:29:38-05:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: OSS Maritime Unit Celebration, 15 Nov
Received: 2017-11-14T10:30:42-05:00

Gents,

FYI.....event is free. Reception is being underwritten by the Omni Shoreham Hotel and band is being paid for by the OSS Society.

Tom

On Nov 13, 2017, at 7:30 PM, Frank Larkin III (b) (6) wrote:

Thank you Tom,

This one got by me. YES, I would like to attend. I can attempt to make contact with Scott Taylor for you.

Do you need a check now or at the door?

Kindly advise,

Frank

Frank J. Larkin
(b) (6)

On Nov 13, 2017, at 6:33 PM, Tom Valentine (b) (6) wrote:

> Hi Frank,
>
> Presume you saw this announcement, but are you planning on attending subject reception, this Wednesday evening? Flyer with details attached.
>
> Ryan Zinke tentatively planning on attending and Joe Kernan delivering some remarks. I haven't been able to connect with Scott Taylor.... I've also attached a current list of active and former Frogs attending.
>
> Best regards,
>
> Tom Valentine
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> <OSS Maritime Unit 75th.docx>
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> <Omni_Shoreham_75.jpg.pdf>

To: Jack Lynch[jlynch@okta.com]
Cc: (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke (b) (6)
From: Boulton, Caroline
Sent: 2017-12-01T17:18:46-05:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: LOR_2.doc
Received: 2017-12-01T17:19:22-05:00

Hi Jack,
I'll have it to you in an hour or so.

Best,
Caroline

On Thu, Nov 30, 2017 at 10:04 PM, Jack Lynch <jlynch@okta.com> wrote:

Hi Ryan,
Apologies for pushing here. Are we getting close on this?

Thanks,

Jack Lynch
208-830-5706

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 10, 2017, at 5:00 AM, (b) (6) - Ryan Zinke (b) (6) wrote:

No problem on the loc. We will have it done by next friday. Z

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

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From: Jack Lynch <jlynch@okta.com>
Date: 11/09/2017 11:11 PM (GMT-05:00)
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Hi Ryan,

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Thanks a million!!

Regards,

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Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 5:12 PM
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Subject: LOR_2.doc

Trying, Sorry we sent the wrong letter for you to sign. Here is the correct to edit and sign. Sorry for the confusion. I appreciate the help

Tw

Todd Welch
NW Surgical LLC
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From: Rich Golb
Sent: 2017-12-28T11:08:55-05:00
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Subject: January 23 or January 24
Received: 2017-12-28T11:08:51-05:00

Mr. Secretary - I will be in Washington DC on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23 and 24. The last time we spoke, you suggested that I reach out to you.

(b) (6)

There is hope for all of us.

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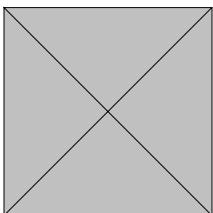
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How was it done?
Where did the money go?
How much was stolen?
For how long?

Fastow financially engineered those derivatives.
Don't buy the B'S that they were "private treaty transactions". A crime has been committed.
Who were both sides of the trade?
Can the money be clawed back?
Will Testers Senate Banking Committee force the Federal Reserve and the TBTF Banksters to disgorge what was looted from Montana?

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Whereas, the people of the Mission Irrigation District are still desirous of renegotiating their "**ORIGINAL CONTRACT**" with the United States Government. As **free people** we believe we have the right to insist on what we believe to be some salient points which must be included in such a contract to **keep us free and not as serfs for such lackeys of a bureau.** We find Herbert J. Slaughter listed as a Department of Interior Solicitor giving his interpretation 1948. A little **DISCOVERY** may help. Dick and his little helper alan.
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More Discovery for Alan.

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What has been done about cross examining Andrew Fastow former Chief Financial Officer of Enron, about the theft of electricity from Montana?
How was it done?
Where did the money go?
How much was stolen?
For how long?

Fastow financially engineered those derivatives.
Don't buy the B'S that they were "private treaty transactions". A crime has been committed.
Who were both sides of the trade?
Can the money be clawed back?

Will Testers Senate Banking Committee force the Federal Reserve and the TBTF Banksters to disgorge what was looted from Montana?

The federal reserve's derivative book is the largest on Earth; ain't that right Dick Erb ?

Would Montana be at the bottom of America's economic ladder had it not been systematically LOOTED ?

14 plaintiffs paid good money.

Get something filed.

Obey the D.C. judge in my D.C. federal lawsuit which is about water and electricity.

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From: Robert Fanning
Sent: 2018-02-05T18:34:12-05:00
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Subject: Re: Any Idea what the Attorney General did with the surplus FUNDS???
Received: 2018-02-05T18:35:36-05:00

Andrew Fastow Chief Financial Officer of Enron is out of prison
Have him testify how the money was LOOTED, using WHAT instruments and who was both sides of the trade.

On Feb 5, 2018 4:15 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <[(b) (6)]> wrote:

Folks this may be why the Attorney's may have not wanted to much Discovery!!! Congress had to issue Land Patents and Water Rights prior to the Opening and Sales of Indian Lands. Now the Mission Valley Irrigators United, inc,,,, (Plaintiffs) need to RECOVER or CLAW BACK the Funds that were STOLEN by Stave Hughes and the C.M.E....

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Sent: 2018-02-06T02:30:41-05:00

Importance: Normal

Subject: Dr. Kate how about you and your Attorney's show these to Judge Manley?

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I am almost positive C.B. told him about these. Kate you will get your day in Court.

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From: Gene Erb Jr

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Subject: Fw: Hunting and Fishing on the Reservation on Fee Lands

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Rick my friend and neighbor Delbert Palmer who was Real Estate agent sold us a house and 40 acres, he loved to Hunt and Fish we were arrested by Marc Rocicot as Attorney General after he allowed the Governor signing the Hunting and Fishing Agreement, that breaks the Laws in 17 States in the West. Rick have you heard the term **RED JUDICATA or COLLATERAL ESTOPPEL???** Thank you always.

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To: Gene Erb Jr <(b) (6)>
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2018, 3:12:34 PM MST
Subject: Hunting and Fishing on the Reservation on Fee Lands

I think Alan Mikkelsen missed this Supreme Court reversal of the 9th Circuit. Maybe Alan's bucking for a vacancy appoint to the 9th. His legal opinions are sure in line with that body of law wasted on humanity. Hopefully, Trump sees the light before this guy does too much damage.

Rick Breckenridge, PLS
Montana Reg. No. 11706LS

"The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that "my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge." - Isaac Asimov

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From: Gene Erb Jr

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Do Not forget many other subjects to the **LIEN'S** including Conrad Burns and the Queen of Montana Power. You may want to check with the State of Montana (DNRC) on the amendments to the **LIEN'S**?

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Please remove me from this list.

This whole issue has been a waste of time , effort and money for me since April 11, 2015.

On Feb 11, 2018 5:06 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

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Who's Who this Eddie Donlan another Politician. What to think about the 1922 Report to the Federal Power Commission.

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Marc you must forget the day Ted Hein and I received the 1963 Montana State Engineers Report from you. And someone changes the name of the Owners of Water Rights. Have a nice Day.

On Monday, February 12, 2018, 7:37:43 AM MST, Pitman, Marc <MPitman@mt.gov> wrote:

Gene,

Please remove me from your email list as this information is not pertinent to my duties as Regional Engineer.

Thank you.

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Very interesting!

On Mon, Feb 19, 2018 at 11:00 AM Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

A topic to be raised when you question Andrew Fastow .
Interbank lending has frozen up.

Cash flow for globalisation starts with hydro electric infrastructure .

You don't have the luxury dragging your feet any more.

Make the lawyers who have been gouging you earn their pay.

<http://thetechnocratictyranny.com/corruption/avista-stop-the-sale-stop-internationalization/>

On Feb 9, 2018 7:41 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Do Not forget many other subjects to the **LIEN'S** including Conrad Burns and the Queen of Montana Power. You may want to check with the State of Montana (DNRC) on the amendments to the **LIEN'S**?

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Jack here is some Discovery!!! You may need a new manager.

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DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

TO: White House Cabinet Affairs Communications

FROM: Heather Swift & Laura Rigas

SUBJECT: Communications Update

Press Inquiries:

- Many small inquiries and logistical inquiries.
- ** Multiple inquiries into Secretary Zinke's speech to the National Petroleum Council regarding the 30% assessment. Solicitor has advised (b) (5) - ACP
- Fairfield Sun Times: (Darryl Flowers) **REQUEST** I hope you can help with a story I'm working on. Regarding National Monuments, are you aware of any that exists under "co management" with a non federal agency, group, corporation or other entity? I have been unable to find any such management arrangements for a National Monument, only that the U.S. Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management are in charge of National Monuments. **RESPONSE** (b) (5) - DPP
- Law 360: (Juan Carlos Rodrigues) **REQUEST** I am writing a feature story on Thursday regarding the 10th Circuit's ruling on the BLM's fracking rule. I would like to get a comment from the BLM or DOI about whether or not the government is interpreting the rule as meaning that the 2015 rule is now in effect? And if so, how will implementation of the rule proceed? **RESPONSE** In accordance with President Trump's Executive Order on "Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth" (March 18, 2017) and Secretary Zinke's Secretary's Order on "American Energy Independence," (March 29, 2017), we are expeditiously working on a new rule that will fulfill the President's and Secretary's vision of good jobs for hardworking American families and are continuing to take comments on the proposed rescission of the 2015 hydraulic fracturing rule.

Top Stories

- **Fox News:** Zinke: One third of Interior employees 'not loyal' to Trump team
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- **E&E News:** Perry, Zinke hint at expanded federal permitting roles

Top Issues and Accomplishments

- Interior continues to support all Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, and Hurricane Maria efforts. All bureaus are executing their emergency plans and assisting in Hurricane relief.
- September 27 29, Secretary Zinke is traveling to Gateway National Recreation Area in New Jersey and various National Park Assets in the Philadelphia area, including Valley Forge, and will be meeting with County Commissioners. There is a press avail while at Valley Forge and members of the press may join Secretary Zinke on a tour of the National Park.
- Friday, Secretary Zinke will give a policy speech at The Heritage Foundation on Energy.

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FYI -- Cabinet wide story on travel from WaPo. Below are questions to Zinke I'm dealing with.

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Subject: hi Heather, from Lisa Rein re: Sec Zinke travel
To: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Hi there. With Sec. Price in the news, we're looking into travel by other secretaries,, so apologies in advance for the detailed email. I'm working with a colleague, Drew Harwell. We've looked at Sec. Zinke's travel schedule since his confirmation in March, through July. Hoping you and your colleagues will be able to tackle these questions. Obviously an Interior secretary is going to be traveling a lot... We would just like to flesh out some questions. Many thanks, and really appreciate. Lisa

- OVERALL questions
 - How many flights has Sec. Zinke taken on government or charter jets? Can you please provide the aircraft manifest, type of plane, destinations, dates of use, purpose, cost of the trip and source of payment for the trips?
 - On what trips did Sec. Zinke's wife Lola and/or other members of Sec. Zinke's family join?
 - The calendar says that spouses attended a cultural briefing with local reindeer herders on May 26 in Norway. Was Lola Zinke one of the spouses?
 - Did Sec. Zinke take steps to limit the costs of his travel? If so, what were they?
- Virgin Islands
 - What was the official purpose of the U.S. Virgin Islands trip during Zinke's first month as Interior secretary?
 - What was the cost of the trip?
 - Did Sec. Zinke's wife Lola attend?
 - While some flights appear to be commercial, others are not shown, including multiple flights on March 31. Can you please provide the manifest, type of plane, cost of the trip and source of payment for the trips?
- Big Sky event

- Sec. Zinke was in Big Sky in March 17-19, the same time Sen. Daines hosted a “weekend in the Montana mountains” benefiting the Daines Big Sky Committee. He attended multiple Daines receptions and stayed the night at Daines’ home. A fundraiser flyer says requested contributions were \$3,000 for PACs, \$1,500 for personal.
- What was the policy purpose of this trip?
- Was this a political trip?
- Who paid for Zinke’s travel to the political events?
- Atlanta
 - What was the purpose of Sec. Zinke’s trip to the NRA Institute for Legislative Action event in Atlanta on April 28? Was this a political event? What was the cost of flying on Air Force One, and did the DOI reimburse any other agencies for the seats of Sec. Zinke, Lola Zinke or his staff?
- April 12-20
 - During the trip, Sec. Zinke spoke at the Reagan Center in Santa Barbara and campaigned for Greg Gianforte. Was this a political trip? What was the cost for this trip, and who covered the expenses?
 - On April 15 and 16, Sec. Zinke was in Santa Barabra, including a meeting with former Congressman Bob Lagomarsino. What was the meeting about? Did these home trips entail personal or official use? The items don’t say that it was “personal travel” or “paid for personally” - was it?
 - On April 17, Sec. Zinke went to the Reagan Ranch Center and met the vice president of the Young America’s Foundation. What was the official policy purpose of this trip? What was the cost for this trip, and who covered the expenses?
- May 5-13: Montana, Utah, California, Montana
 - What was the official policy purpose of Sec. Zinke’s trip on May 5-13?
 - During the trip, Sec. Zinke gave keynote remarks to the RNC Spring Meeting Dinner and attended a rally for Greg Gianforte. Was this a political trip? What was the cost for this trip, and who covered the expenses?
 - On May 8 and May 9, Sec. Zinke traveled in a B200 Turboprop 8-passenger plane, the calendar states. Can you please provide the manifest, cost of the trip, owner of the jet and source of payment for the trips?
 - Sec. Zinke spent that weekend at home in Kalispell, Montana. He then flew to Dulles and home on Monday. Federal regulations say employees’ official travel should by no means include personal use. Did these home trips entail personal use?
- May 25-June 2: Norway, Greenland, Alaska, Idaho
 - What was the official purpose of this trip?
 - Sec. Zinke attended a reception for Rep. Don Young at Sullivan’s Steakhouse. Was this a political trip? What was the cost for this trip, and who covered the expenses?
 - Sec. Zinke flew from Boise to L.A. on June 2. The June 3 and 4 dates say “Personal travel // Paid for personally” in Santa Barbara. What did Sec. Zinke pay for? How much did he pay At what rate did he pay for the travel personally? What aircraft did he fly on? What was the total cost to government?
- June 25-28: Nevada, Montana
 - On June 25, Sec. Zinke attended the Rule of Law Defense Fund Reception & Dinner, where he sat at a dinner table with leaders of the casino industry, the NRA, the Chamber of Commerce and Koch Industries. What was the policy purpose of Sec. Zinke’s attendance? Was this a political event?
 - On June 26, Sec. Zinke flew from Las Vegas to Kalispell on a private plane tied to a Republican donor. Can you please provide the aircraft manifest, purpose, cost of the trip and source of payment for the trips? It appears Sec. Zinke spent the night

afterward at his home in Whitefish; is that correct, and wouldn't that convey personal use?

- July 20-22: Colorado
 - On July 20, Sec. Zinke gave remarks in Denver at the American Legislative Exchange Council. He also attended a Colorado Republican Committee roundtable and gave remarks at the Western Conservative Summit.
 - What was the official policy purpose of these trips? Were these trips political or personal? What were Sec. Zinke's remarks at these trips. What was the cost for this trip, and who covered the expenses?

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Politico will go live tonight with a story detailing the Secretary's travel on AF1, military air with Purdue, and three charter flights.

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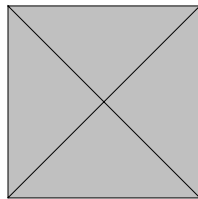
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(b)(5) Waiting to hear back from Melinda (b)(6)
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DGL in the loop.



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To: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Ben Lefebvre
Sent: 2017-09-28T19:24:14-04:00
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Subject: RE: question form Politico on Secretary travel
Received: 2017-09-28T19:24:25-04:00

What's up?

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Could I ask a small favor off the record?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:17 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:
Thank. Including a link to the doc.

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FYI - here's the flight approval doc from Nevada

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:
I think tonight.

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To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
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is your piece running tonight or tomorrow?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:50 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:
No problem. I know how it is....

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To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

ah, sorry. that's my word salad. I haven't talked with the Secretary about personally paying for official government travel.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:41 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:
You said: "I have not had the opportunity to discuss that with the Secretary however the trip is fully compliant and approved government travel."

Sorry, that means you haven't had the opportunity to discuss what with the Secretary? Reimbursement? Clearing the flights with ethics department? Sorry – I know it's getting late. Just want to make sure I have things correct.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:25 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Roger. He had multiple official government events and meetings on both sides of the trip. On the front end, an event ending at 7:45PM and on the back end meetings beginning again at 8:30AM. No commercial flights were available which merited the late flight. Of course this was pre-approved by the ethics office. Every single trip the secretary goes on is pre-cleared by career officials in the ethics office. I have not had the opportunity to discuss that with the Secretary however

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:03 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:
Nope, I know they're government travel. But just wanted to know about the use of a chartered jet for government work. Just want to know if he has to reimburse. Tom Price just said he would for the private flights he booked.

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Ben I am getting the sense that you believe these were not official government trips for some reason. Is that what you're getting at?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 5:57 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:
Sorry – the St. Thomas flights, and the flight to the WGA meeting.

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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Are you asking if the Secretary plans to reimburse DOI for the Secretary's flights for official business?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 5:45 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:
Hi Heather,

Does Zinke intend to reimburse DOI for any of the charter flights?

Thank you,
Ben

From: Ben Lefebvre
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And more follow-up:

When you say Fort Bliss supplied a helicopter, does that mean DOI did not pay for its use? Any idea on cost?

Did Mrs. Zinke attend the Norway leg of the trip? I'm just confused if the Greenland/Norway leg of that trip was an official CODEL, or if the CODEL was just the Alaska bit.

Thank you,
Ben

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Thank you. A few more. Sorry for the dribble dribble on this.

1. The August flight to Ravalli County, that was tied to this August 24 Tweet? (Re: This: <https://twitter.com/Scavino45/status/889679192685780992>)

No, that appears to be a July tweet.

2. What transportation was used for his visit to Basin & Range Monument visit on July 30? (<https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/891861787234058240>) If military or charter, reasoning and cost?

It was a BLM helicopter. (I don't immediately have the cost information available)

3. Did the Secretary use a military vehicle to review the Organ Mountains monument in New Mexico in June? If so, reasoning and cost?

Fort Bliss supplied a helicopter so the Secretary and Ft Bliss personnel were able to discuss their needs and concerns as related to the monument. Reasoning - it is difficult to survey a half million-acre piece of land with few roads by foot or car in an hour and a half.

4. Did the Secretary use a charter flight to visit Florida in April? If so, reasoning and cost?

The Secretary has not been to Florida.

5. I see on the Secretary Trip Summary that Mrs. Zinke was with him during the Alaska trip in May. Did she also travel with him to Norway (i.e., the leg of the trip before the events in Alaska)? If so, did DOI pay anything for her travel, lodging or food budget? Or did the Zinke's reimburse DOI her part of the trip out of their private bank accounts?

Mrs. Zinke personally paid for all of her expenses while traveling on the CODEL and in Alaska.

6. For the flights on AF1 to visit the Boy Scout jamboree and the Youngstown POTUS rally, did DOI pay anything toward the flights?

Yes. (I do not have this information immediately available)

Thank you,
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Apart from events with POTUS/VPOTUS, the Secretary took military air once. He was invited by USDA Secretary Sonny Purdue to go to a wildfire camp at a Type 1 fire in Ravalli County Montana in August. The fire claimed the life of one firefighter. It is still burning but 90% contained. The USDA and DOI co-manage wildfire fighting on federal lands. The USDA was the lead on the trip. DOI has not been billed for it.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories)

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.
(waiting on cost/staff)

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland
and
Alaska

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The
Committee organized and utilized a charter

Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

, please contact SENR for more details about their choice of aircraft

Payment: the Secretary and

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6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.

The Secretary had

a

speaking engagement in the evening in Nevada and

meetings

in the morning in Montana.

Flight Plan:

8:30PM

Las Vegas -->

1:40AM

Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and staff to the event on time.

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\$12,375

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:43 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:
Hello all,

Has Secretary Zinke used military aircraft for travel during his time as Interior Secretary, and, if such travel happened, how much are the trips estimated to have cost? You can exclude travel with the POTUS on Air Force 1.
Also, has Secretary Zinke used charter flights for official travel during his time as Secretary? If such travel happened, how much are the trips estimated to have cost? I see on his public calendar that only a few flights were explicitly described as commercial flights, a July 30-31 United flight from LAS to IAD, for example. Were any of the trips listed in his public calendar on chartered flights?

Thank you,

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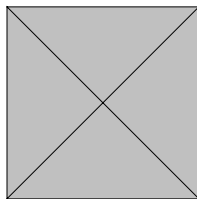
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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:58 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Oy. Sorry to hear that. Will look out for it.

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
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Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Our ethics officer is out of the office due to a death in the family so it's taking a bit.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Waiting on the letters of approval for flight and speaking engagement.
Both come from the ethics office.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:51 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:46 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

I actually don't believe that is necessary now that I am aware that it was a government contract. That was if it had been a gift to the department.

FYI we do plan on running the story in the a.m.

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Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Zack, why do you think this is needed for the flight? https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 4:06 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Just wanted to follow up to make sure we're on the same page for what I'm looking for now:

- 1) The signed and dated OK from the Office of Aviation Services at Interior.
- 2) The cost of the flight.
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I don't envision getting this done today, for obvious reasons, so happy to keep working with you on this.

-Zack

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I'm here.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 1:07 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather - just got out of a meeting and heading to another now that begins at 1:30. Will call in a few minutes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 12:20 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

wrote:

Career ethics officials vet and approve every single trip the Secretary goes on. Can you give me a ring and chat off the record? 202-208-5338 Info may change your story.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:40 AM, Zack Colman
<zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Oh, and one last thing – regardless of whatever happened with this travel, did an ethics official happen to sign off on it before the flight occurred? Would have had to sign this form:
https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf

Thanks!

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But, brava, nonetheless. Brava, indeed.

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
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That's what you think! That's 90 seconds wasted on googling the perfect gif
I'm not going to get back.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:19 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Sure thing, Heather. I recall meeting you at a Washington Examiner event back in the day when I used to work there – not trying to be a faceless reporter you’ve rarely interacted with. We’re all humans here, ha.

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Thank you, Zack! I REALLY appreciate it. I promise you nobody has asked your line of questioning so I don't expect you to get scooped on anything.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:14 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Sorry about all the back and forth here. It's just that my editor feels we have enough confirmed here through SEC filings, FEC filings, government databases, etc., to put a lot of this together. Given the attention being paid right now to planes and all that stuff, we're very sensitive to getting jumped by someone else given the weird nature of our publishing time (which, as a constantly nervous reporter, might be a little understandable, hopefully).

Ultimately, we can give you until 6 a.m. tomorrow at the absolute latest – that's when everything gets through the system en route to publishing. I was hoping to get something by late afternoon to ensure I had all I needed before I started writing, but it is what it is, I can hold off. I've had enough good relationships with comms staff in this administration and the last and try to do everyone a solid by not writing before I have all the facts – too often people already have the story written before they even reach out. That's not the case here, seriously.

Sorry to have been a little snippy earlier. I think if you ask around that most people find me to be a fair reporter, and I hope you understand some of the constraints under which I'm operating. I know you have your own constraints, so this is the olive branch.

Thanks,

-Zack

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:08 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>; Noelle Straub <nstraub@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Your request is not the only thing I'm working on today, Zack. I have multiple requests from EE alone and an entire national press corps I also work with. I'd appreciate some flexibility on your deadline.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 10:05 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Heather – I can do by 4 pm today. I think that is a reasonable amount of time considering I sent the request at the start of the business day.

-Zack

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Hey Zack, I might need a little more time to track this down. Can you do by 10 tomorrow?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 9:16 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi there,

Zack Colman here, White House correspondent with E&E News. Hope this finds you well.

Had some questions about Sec. Zinke's June 26 flight from Las Vegas to Kalispell, Mont. Was wondering who paid for that and how much it cost. Also, who else was on the plane?

I thought it was worth asking since the plane is owned by Jay Nielson, a board member of the Yellowstone Recreations Fund and former executive in Nielson & Associates, an oil and gas drilling business that, along with Wyoming-based Iron Creek Energy, sold to Texas-based drillers Legacy LP. He's the son of James Nielson, the scion of a oil and gas drilling business (started by Glenn Nielson) who has donated more than \$100,000 to Republican candidates and campaign committees, who owns a company (Y-Tex) with 10s of thousands of government contracts and who owns a ski resort in an area that as recently as 2011 was being considered for additional wildlife protection by the Interior Department (Sleeping Giant).

All that said - what is Mr. Zinke's relationship to the Nielsons?

Sec. Zinke also appears to have spoken to Bill Foley's NHL hockey team in Las Vegas before jumping aboard this chartered flight. What was the nature of that visit, and how did it affect his ability to avoid needing to take a chartered flight? Were other commercial flights available that would have gotten Sec. Zinke to Kalispell?

So, to clarify:

1. Who paid for Sec. Zinke's flight from Las Vegas to Whitefish?
2. How much did that flight cost?
3. Who was on the flight?
4. What is Sec. Zinke's relationship to the Nielsons?
5. What was the nature of Sec. Zinke's visit to the Golden Knights development camp and how did that affect his ability to get a commercial flight to Kalispell?
6. Were there other commercial flights available that Sec. Zinke could have made?

I have a 3:30 pm deadline. Please let me know if you have any responses by then.

Thanks,

-Zack

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To: Ragnar Zinke[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Twitter
Sent: 2017-09-28T20:34:46-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Natasha Geiling Tweeted: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has spent **\$913,000** on private flights, 24/7 security, and that soundproof booth
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Cc: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov[Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov]
From: Bruggeman, Lucien C.
Sent: 2017-09-28T21:27:20-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: abc news - report on Secy. Zinke travel costs
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5/17

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We will put the Secretary's travel in appropriate context. Thanks for all your help tonight!

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Do you plan to include past Interior Secretary's use of charter aircraft?

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From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-09-28T22:03:33-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Can you please correct this
Received: 2017-09-28T22:03:35-04:00

A flight "to the Caribbean" is incorrect. He took a commercial flight to the USVI and then once there took a round trip flight between two islands in the US territory.

"to attend an event with the Danish government" is incomplete and incorrect through omission. The Secretary attended several events with both the Governor of the USVI and the Danish Prime Minister... as well as many other government officials.

"In addition to using charter flights, Zinke used a military plane to travel to Norway with his wife" incorrect. This was a CODEL arranged by SENR. Mrs Zinke met the CODEL, including congressional spouses, in Norway. She joined the rest of the trip with other spouses at personal cost.

"Swift said she could not to confirm to Politico whether Zinke would reimburse the government for the cost of his travel." It was official government travel for official business. There was no personal time what so ever.

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On Sep 28, 2017, at 9:44 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I realize your colleague simply wrote about another article but this is really a hack job. Didn't even bother to email.

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/353026-zinke-used-private-military-planes-for-travel-report>

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To: James Cason[james_cason@ios.doi.gov]; Nedra Darling[nedra_darling@ios.doi.gov]
From: Swift, Heather
Sent: 2017-09-29T08:30:52-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: FYI Standing Rock tribal chairman loses in general election
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Standing Rock tribal chairman loses in general election

Published: Friday, September 29, 2017

Standing Rock Sioux tribal chairman Dave Archambault II, whose opposition to the Dakota Access pipeline launched him into the national spotlight, has lost his bid for re-election, according to unofficial results.

Archambault conceded defeat after results showed him winning just 37 percent of the tribe's vote, compared to 63 percent for tribal councilman and former wildlife ranger Mike Faith.

Faith, who also opposes the pipeline, said he believes protests that shut down a main highway — cutting off revenues from the tribal casino — took away attention from other long-standing problems.

"People want to see how we can fix ourselves," he said. "We have to look at not depending on the casino so much. We have to look at enticing companies to come down here."

"We kind of neglected our own" by helping spearhead the protests, he added.

"We did what we had to do, but we didn't realize we were going to hurt our economy that much."

Archambault said in his statement of concession that he looks forward to a smooth transition and hopes the tribe won't lose "the powerful momentum we have at Standing Rock."

"I did the best I could for my tribe, and that's what we must ask of our leaders," he said (Blake Nicholson, **Associated Press**, Sept. 28). — **DI**

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From: Swift, Heather
Sent: 2017-09-29T08:31:58-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Who's spreading the Zinke travel stories?
Received: 2017-09-29T08:32:45-04:00

That would seem to be it. They are the only ones quoted. The WP story is so factually incorrect.

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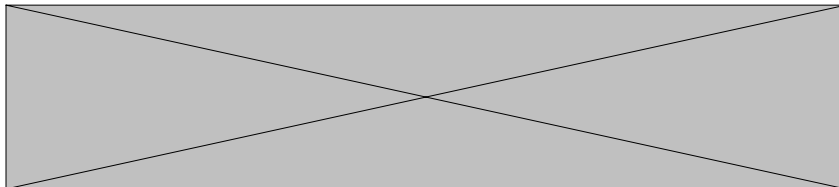
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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 8:23 AM, Michael Bastasch <mike@dailycallernewsfoundation.org> wrote:

Seems like the Center for Western Priorities.

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From: Ben Lefebvre
Sent: 2017-09-29T09:37:24-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: Question from Politico re: Virgin Islands trip in March
Received: 2017-09-29T09:37:37-04:00

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Subject: Re: Question from Politico re: Virgin Islands trip in March
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On the Downing stuff? It would have an impact if she's using executive office vehicles to campaign as part of a Senate race, I believe.

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I'm trying to understand the angle on since she became a volunteer chair and it's impact on the Secretary.

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 10:11 AM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

No accusations - just fact finding. Basically trying to see if any of the secretaries have been misusing taxpayer funds. We're asking all the Secretarial offices these sorts of questions. But we have to be thorough and make sure all the buttons are buttoned, information-wise. I know what my editors will ask so I want have the info to answer them.

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Can you explain this more? Is there an accusation of wrongdoing?

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Ok. Thanks for that. And last one (for now), which will probably come out of the earlier question – did Mrs. Zinke travel with the Secretary on official business at any time since she started working as a campaign chairman for Troy Downing? If so, do you know which trips?

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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 9:37 AM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:
Thank you. So can you please give me a complete list of trips in which she accompanied the Secretary? If not on the USVI or Nevada flights, does that mean she accompanied him on every other flight?

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 9:35 AM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Question from Politico re: Virgin Islands trip in March

Mrs. Zinke has personally footed the bill for any travel she did accompanying her husband. She was not on the USVI or the Nevada flights, helos, or wildfire flight.

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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 9:30 AM, Ben Lefebvre

<blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Thank you.

Doing a mind-reading of my editors, I guess I should maybe phrase the question this way to save ourselves time: In what official DOI trips, if any, and excluding the CODEL already mentioned, did Mrs. Zinke accompany the Secretary? And if there are other trips where she accompanied him, did she pay her own way, or reimburse DOI for expenses related to her participation? And just for your knowledge, I don't care about her traveling so much. It's more about the money spent.

Thank you,
Ben

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 9:25 AM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Question from Politico re: Virgin Islands trip in March

Still waiting on the cost from OAS. No, Mrs. Zinke was not on the trip.

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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 9:22 AM, Ben Lefebvre

<blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Hello,

And just to follow up again, please let me know the cost of the four planes chartered to take the Secretary to/from St. Thomas on the March/April Virgin Islands trip.

One additional question – did Mrs. Zinke accompany the Secretary on that trip? If so, did the Zinkes reimburse DOI for her part of the trip, or pay their own way?

Thank you,

Ben Lefebvre

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To: Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Russell Newell[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]
From: Hinson, Alex
Sent: 2017-09-29T10:16:07-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: *DRAFT DOI Daily Report
Received: 2017-09-29T10:16:14-04:00

no worries. you got it

On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 10:15 AM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hold. Low priority. Thank you.

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Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Sep 29, 2017, at 10:14 AM, Hinson, Alex <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

INTERIOR DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

NEWS TO SHARE:

Washington Post: The Energy 202: Zinke suggests solar power may not best use of public land

"Despite saying in speeches that he happens "to love the coal miners" but that wind power "kills all the birds," the Trump administration's official policy is ostensibly to pursue an "all-of-the-above" energy strategy. Under such a policy, as it's described, the government does not pick winners and losers in the marketplace. Private firms are free to develop the energy source they determine to be the most economical. The more sources of electricity and fuel there are domestically, the thinking goes, the less dependent the United States is on other nations to meet its energy needs."

The Bend Bulletin: Editorial: Zinke shows thoughtful approach to wildfire

"Zinke recognizes the dangers wildfires pose. His memo was written in response to those dangers. He didn't give explicit instructions about what should be done. He did note, however, that as his department urges Western communities to adopt Firewise standards, it should model those same standards in planning, development and maintenance of its facilities. Some critics of the agency and its leader took that as a directive for a one-size-fits-all plan for fuel reduction on BLM land. Yet, the memo says nothing about specifics. Instead, it lays out a broad direction to the agencies under his charge."

Correcting the Record:

Washington Post: Zinke took \$12,000 charter flight home in oil executive's plane, documents show

"Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke chartered a flight from Las Vegas to near his

home in Montana this summer aboard a plane owned by oil-and-gas executives, internal documents show. The flight, along with private flights during a trip to the Virgin Islands, could propel Zinke into the growing debate over the costs of travel by Cabinet secretaries, some of whom have chosen expensive charter jets and military planes at high expense to taxpayers over the cheaper option of flying commercial."

TALKING POINTS

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New York Times: Interior Department to Overhaul Obama's Sage Grouse Protection Plan

"The Trump administration will seek to reconsider an Obama-era blueprint for protecting the greater sage grouse, a move that could lead to new mineral leasing, grazing and other commercial activities across the quirky bird's Western habitat. The Interior Department intends this week to publish a formal notice of intent to amend 98 sage grouse habitat management plans across 10 states, according to multiple agency and state officials who have been briefed on the effort. Those plans, completed in 2015, were adopted after a decade of

negotiations among conservationists, sportsmen and extraction industries as well as federal, state, local and tribal authorities.”

TALKING POINTS

- Secretary Zinke signed Secretarial Order 3353 to improve conservation of sage-grouse, strengthening collaboration between state and federal partners on this issue.
- It’s important to take into account the state and local voices on this issue to make the best decisions.
- The Secretary is considering economic development, job creation, and energy production as part of the conservation planning.

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Deputy Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

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To: Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Bowman, Jennifer
Sent: 2017-09-29T10:53:19-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: DOI RESPONSE TO WAPO RPT ON ZINKE \$12K CHARTER FLIGHT
Received: 2017-09-29T10:53:28-04:00

Great – very helpful.

From: Heather Swift [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Bowman, Jennifer <Jennifer.Bowman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: DOI RESPONSE TO WAPO RPT ON ZINKE \$12K CHARTER FLIGHT

Statement. Background to follow in another email.

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Press Secretary
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On Sep 29, 2017, at 10:46 AM, Bowman, Jennifer <Jennifer.Bowman@foxnews.com> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Does DOI have a response to this story? Please forward me any response or background on this.

Thank you,

Jennifer Bowman
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C2: 202-412-9197

https://www.washingtonpost.com/investigations/2017/09/28/59533ed8-a4b8-11e7-ade1-76d061d56efa_story.html?deferJs=true&outputType=default-article&utm_term=.75dfcd8723fe

Investigations

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The inside track on Washington politics.

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September 28 at 10:48 PM

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke chartered a flight from Las Vegas to near his home in Montana this summer aboard a plane owned by oil-and-gas executives, internal documents show.

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In June, Zinke and his staffers took a four-hour flight from Las Vegas to Kalispell, Mont., aboard a private plane owned by the executives of a Wyoming oil-and-gas exploration firm, aviation and business records show.

The landing in Kalispell put Zinke a short drive from his home in Whitefish, Mont., where he spent the night, documents show.

The flight cost taxpayers \$12,375, according to an Interior Department spokeswoman. Commercial airlines run daily flights between the two airports and charge as little as \$300.

The new flight details show how Zinke has mixed political gatherings and personal destinations with his taxpayer-funded work as the head of a federal agency that manages or controls the vast majority of federal land.

Interior Department spokeswoman Heather Swift said Zinke's charter flights were authorized by ethics officials and booked only when feasible commercial flights were unavailable. Previous interior secretaries flew charter flights when needed, Swift added. She did not provide documentation of the approvals.

Zinke spoke the next day at the annual meeting of the Western Governors

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To: Green, Miranda[Miranda.Green@turner.com]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-09-29T12:27:10-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Confirming cost of Zinke's charter plane travel
Received: 2017-09-29T12:34:36-04:00

Waiting on costs from the appropriate offices.

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 12:14 PM, Green, Miranda <Miranda.Green@turner.com> wrote:

Hi Heather,
I just heard Sec. Zinke speak at Heritage and he said "I believe taxpayers absolutely have the right to know official travel costs. It's common sense, and at the department we make those documents and my travel schedule available to everyone."

Can you please provide me with those exact costs for the travel on the private and mil air plans he mentioned? He mentioned three instances for private jets and one for military aid with Secretary Perdue.

Thanks,
Miranda

To: Marsh, Rene[Rene.Marsh@cnn.com]
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov[interior_press@ios.doi.gov]; russell_newell@ios.doi.gov[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]; Levitt, Ross[Ross.Levitt@turner.com]; Wallace, Gregory[gregory.wallace@turner.com]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-09-29T13:15:45-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: CNN
Received: 2017-09-29T13:15:59-04:00

Waiting on that info from the relevant office. Will let you know when we have it.

We have not yet been billed for the August trip on military air.

Heather Swift
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On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:14 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

We are looking for the cost of the flights? I don't see that below. B = y the way who did you provide this info to earlier ?

— René Marsh
CNN
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Office: 202- 777-7249

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CNN is circling back on this request.

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From: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>

Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 11:16 AM

To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>, "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

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Subject: Re: CNN

Good Morning Heather,

CNN is looking to confirm the costs of all of the charters you outlined below.

We are also looking to confirm the name of the charter company that provided the flights for the Secretary's official travel.

Besides these charter flights you noted below has the Secretary also used military/government planes? If so can you outline dates, times, places, justification?

Many thanks,

— René Marsh

CNN

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From: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 3:14 PM

To: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>, "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>

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Subject: Re: CNN

I don't have that information immediately available. Will put a request in.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:09 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Thank you Heather.

What type of aircraft were these private planes? What was the cost for these trips that came out of the DOI budget?

Thank you
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From: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 2:05 PM
To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>
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Rene - also want to add on the Alaska portion that was part of the CODEL arranged by Senate ENR.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:56 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior

Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks Heather.

What type of planes were these charter flights? Can you please check and confirm?

We are also looking to get a better understanding about why commercial flights were listed as not an option for the 5/17 trip?

There was no commercial flight available for the route/schedule. Getting around in the Arctic Circle is not like catching a flight out of Washington, D.C.

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Sent: 2017-09-29T13:16:02-04:00
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To: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Jochim, Eric
Sent: 2017-09-29T15:15:38-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Montana Stations seeking comment
Received: 2017-09-29T15:46:37-04:00

Thank you

Eric Jochim
News Director, KTVH/KXLH
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From: Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 12:51 PM
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Also, for your reference, Secretary Jewell also took a number of charter aircraft, including but not limited to the following:

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Here are the articles for background:

http://www.politico.com/story/2017/09/28/ryan-zinke-charter-military-planes-interior-243280?lo=ap_a1

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We have 5:30p Eastern deadline. Thanks in advance for your help.

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I am writing to confirm that when Sec. Zinke said this morning –

“Number two - flying late at night - to the great state of Montana - on invitation - ah - invitation to meet the great governor of the great state of Montana - and to speak at the Western Governor's Association - the next morning.”

He was referring to the trip discussed in today's Washington Post :

In June, Zinke and his staffers took a four-hour flight from Las

Vegas to Kalispell, Mont., aboard a private plane owned by the executives of a Wyoming oil-and-gas exploration firm, aviation and business records show.

Is that correct?

I am on deadline and would appreciate hearing back as soon as possible.

Regards -

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Congrats around the horn!

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A Return to the Conservation Ethic

The interior secretary wants to restore the vision of Gifford Pinchot and use public lands ‘for the benefit and enjoyment of the people.’

By

Kimberley A. Strassel

•Sept. 29, 2017 6:24 p.m. ET

Washington

Amid legislative failure and [Twitter](#) tumult, President Trump’s supporters could be forgiven for thinking he’s failed to fulfill his promise of bringing radical change to Washington. But he also

appointed a cabinet full of reform-minded conservatives. Ryan Zinke, the former Montana congressman who was confirmed as interior secretary in March, is getting high marks for the speed and scope of his overhaul.

“My first goal is to restore trust with America that we are in fact using our public lands ‘for the benefit and the enjoyment of the people’—not for the very few and the elite,” he told me Monday, using language from the Yellowstone National Park Protection Act of 1872. The Interior Department oversees 500 million acres nationwide—more than one-fifth of the country’s land area—mostly in the West. “We are going to be great stewards of these treasures,” Mr. Zinke says, “but we are also going to restore access to the people and to industry—and be a partner.”

The Interior Department has positioned itself at the forefront of Mr. Trump’s energy revival. It is eliminating or preparing to reverse more than 150 Obama regulations, including those curtailing coal mining and hydraulic fracturing, better known as fracking. It has reopened Alaska’s Cook Inlet for business, made 76 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico available for offshore oil-and-gas exploration, and turbocharged pipeline permitting.

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Illustration: Ken Fallin

“I’m grateful the president had the courage to ask the question,” Mr. Zinke says. His review found past administrations had

scooped up private land and relied on bogus historical “objects”—in one case, a World War II-era test bombing crater—to justify new designations. “The Antiquities Act has been used not to protect, but to prevent public access and to prevent public use,” Mr. Zinke says. “To make it hard on local cattlemen, who could no longer use machinery to scoop out a pond, or on cross-country skiers, who can’t have trails groomed.”

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More Weekend Interviews

Mr. Zinke's office in Washington is a testament to his own lifelong love of the outdoors. In one corner looms a massive stuffed grizzly bear. Two heads, a buffalo and an elk, are mounted over the fireplace. Cowboy hats litter the place, and a sign behind his desk reads: "Yep." Mr. Zinke arrived for his first day on horseback, instituted a bring-your-dog-to-work day,

installed the arcade game Big Buck Hunter in the cafeteria, and even personally shoveled snow at the Lincoln Memorial. But he spends much of his time on the road, exploring federal lands on horseback, in planes and on plows. “As Interior Secretary Swaggers Through Parks, His Staff Rolls Back Regulations,” the [New York Times](#) sniffed in a recent headline.

When Mr. Zinke talks policy, he strikes a distinctly populist tone. On his first day in office, he reversed the Obama administration’s last-minute ban on using lead ammunition and fishing tackle on federal lands, an edict he saw as an assault on hunters and anglers of ordinary means, who rely on affordable gear. “This was, again, part of a goal to make hunting and fishing elite, an experience only for the person who can pay for a guide or go a whole week,” Mr. Zinke says. “But it means you limit grandpa, you limit the disabled veteran, you limit the family that goes out for a day to enjoy our public lands.”

Similarly, he sees energy development as a basic way for public lands to benefit the nation. “I never want our children to have to fight overseas for a commodity that we have here,” he says, “especially knowing that we have an energy industry that is the world standard for safety and environmental regulations.” Cheap American energy, he adds, is crucial to lowering U.S. manufacturing costs and boosting workers’ wages.

“Access to our public lands has been limited for industry, even in areas where it is absolutely appropriate,” Mr. Zinke says. “It’s called the National Petroleum Reserve for a reason.” The reference is to the 23 million acres in Alaska that Interior is investigating reopening for drilling after Obama-era restrictions. The department is also working on a new five-year plan for oil-and-gas development in the Outer Continental Shelf, 94% of which is currently off-limits to energy producers. It is issuing coal leases in Wyoming and Utah and streamlining approvals for the construction of the Berwind coal mine on the Virginia-West Virginia border.

“Our regulatory scheme has to be one that holds industry accountable, but that isn’t arbitrary,” Mr. Zinke says. In the past, “not only has our federal government been arbitrary, it has been punitive.” He cites the example of Shell, which spent \$10 billion on an Arctic drilling plan “only to be forced into a regulatory box that almost guarantees failure.” Mr. Zinke is unequivocal: “That’s wrong.” His department is trying to prove its good faith by clearing backlogged permit applications and streamlining future projects. Mr. Zinke is also implementing a strictly market-based approach to energy plays, rather than subsidizing costly renewables. “We are for all-of-the-above energy, but the energy itself has to be competitive,” he says. “It isn’t Interior’s role to pick and choose winners.”

All this will generate more revenue that the federal government can use to preserve national treasures for future generations. The Obama administration’s crackdown on energy leases slowed royalties and left the Interior Department with an \$11.5 billion infrastructure backlog in the national parks alone. In 2008, Mr. Zinke says, the department pulled in \$18 billion in offshore revenue. Last year Interior’s offshore revenues were only \$2.6 billion. Even with the drop in oil prices, Mr. Zinke estimates that had drilling continued apace, Interior would have no maintenance backlog today and would instead be making capital investments of \$3 billion to \$4 billion a year.

Under Mr. Zinke’s leadership, the department has already held more onshore lease sales in six months than in all of last year. From January to June of 2016, Interior generated just \$11.5 million from onshore oil and gas. For the same period this year, the figure is \$146 million. And Mr. Zinke insists he drives a hard bargain. “We have a royalty committee that we established to make sure the American public is getting value,” he says. “If you are doing commercial work on our public lands, the No. 1 stakeholder is the American public, and they need a fair return.”

Mr. Zinke says his longer-term goal is to make his department a better steward. He brings up President Theodore Roosevelt’s

famous 1903 camping trip to Yosemite National Park with the preservationist John Muir : “They went out on this wonderful ride, a ride that you could not even replicate today because of the dead and dying trees.” Mr. Zinke has ordered all his agencies to put a priority on active management against wildfires. “We are spending \$2 billion a year fighting fires, money that could be going to far better conservation efforts,” he says, visibly annoyed.

Such mismanagement is what drives Western frustration, which threatens to become a new Sagebrush Rebellion. “Some of the anger is that our grand bargains have been broken, and those bargains said that you had wilderness, but you also have grazing; you could also hunt and fish,” Mr. Zinke says. Now Westerners “watch these catastrophic fires, and they’ve lost any faith that the federal government is capable of being a good steward.”

Mr. Zinke believes the only way for Interior to improve its performance is through a radical overhaul. He plans to devolve far more authority and resources to front-line park and land managers, allowing them to make decisions more quickly and efficiently. “You end up with a park superintendent of 47 years who apparently can’t be trusted with making the grand decision of whether and when locals can collect fiddleheads,” a type of fern, he says. “They’re spending more time behind a desk, less in the field, and they are getting micromanaged.”

The federal bureaucracy also makes it hard for on-site staff to work with state authorities, Indian tribes, and private landowners on solutions that take account of local needs. Mr. Zinke is thinking about moving the headquarters of the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation to somewhere out West, perhaps Colorado. “I’m a military guy, so I’m all about putting your assets closer to the fight,” he says with a laugh.

Mr. Zinke’s ambitions extend to the daunting challenge of

reforming the way the entire federal government manages its property. “We’ve got to start looking at our lands in terms of complete watersheds and ecosystems, rather than isolated assets,” he says. “We need to think about wildlife corridors, because it turns out wildlife doesn’t just stay on federal lands.”

Even when it does, there often are overlapping jurisdictions. The management of a single stream may involve endangered salmon (overseen by the National Marine Fisheries Service), trout (Interior’s Fish and Wildlife Service), a dam (the Army Corps of Engineers), irrigation (Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation), and a nearby forest (the Agriculture Department’s Forest Service). “We can have, and frequently do have, multiple biological opinions that are irreconcilable,” Mr. Zinke says. “That’s us mismanaging our core mission.”

One of Mr. Zinke’s first trips as secretary was to Yellowstone National Park. His first stop was the Roosevelt Arch, whose cornerstone was laid by Theodore Roosevelt in 1903. It is inscribed with that phrase from the law that created the park: “For the Benefit and Enjoyment of the People.”

As a vision, that’s pure Gifford Pinchot, who became the first chief of the U.S. Forest Service in 1905, during TR’s presidency. Pinchot was a founder of the conservationist movement, an ardent believer in market forces, and an aggressive proponent of controlled but profitable use of natural resources for the benefit of citizens. Today’s environmental movement—which measures the success of government land management by the number of acres locked away from public use—has largely excised Pinchot from history in favor of Muir.

“But here’s the difference,” says Mr. Zinke. “TR went on a nice ride with Muir. He hired Pinchot. And that’s because Pinchot advocated using science and best practices for management.”

The conservation ethic is where the similarity with Mr. Zinke ends. Pinchot was a scion of a wealthy East Coast family, a Yale Skull and Bones man. Mr. Zinke is all blue-collar

Montana—the son of a plumber, an Eagle Scout, a college football player, a geologist, and the first Navy SEAL elected to Congress. His broader political outlook is more libertarian than that of the progressive Pinchot. “I’ve only ever thought there are two things our government should fund absolutely: our military and our parks system,” Mr. Zinke says with a laugh. “The rest is up for discussion.”

Ms. Strassel writes the Journal’s Potomac Watch column.

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Good morning:

Anything going on this week?

Is today Jason Larrabee's first day as DAS for Fish, Wildlife and Parks? Care to serve up quote?

Still interested in Bernhardt interview...

Thanks,

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The Daily Signal: Interior Secretary Stresses Cutting Red Tape, Defending American Sovereignty

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Correcting the Record:

Washington Examiner: John Kelly's approval needed for future chartered aircraft use by government officials

"Travel for Trump administration officials on government-owned, rented, leased, or chartered aircraft, will now require prior approval from White House chief of staff John Kelly, after it was revealed that multiple senior officials in the Trump Cabinet were using private jets and military aircraft to conduct business on the taxpayers' dime. Mick Mulvaney, director of the Office of Management and Budget, revealed this point in a letter he sent out Friday reminding staff of administrative policies regarding travel after President Trump accepted Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price's resignation."

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E&E News: Staff reorganization on hold pending IG probe — sources

"The Interior Department will wait to reassign career officials as part of an ongoing reorganization until after the department's inspector general completes an investigation into an earlier round of reassignments, several sources told E&E News. The sources also confirmed that Interior leaders have already signed off on the transfer of between 20 and 30 Senior Executive Service-level employees at the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service and other bureaus to new Interior positions."

TALKING POINTS

- Regarding reorganization: The Secretary draws inspiration from his days as a U.S. Navy officer and from the way the USDA and DOI co-manage wildfire fighting. The Secretary's planned reorganization will allow the Department to push more funding and resources to local field offices and parks through "joint management areas." This will allow various land management bureaus to work together and come to solutions that better suit local communities, rather than operate in silos and deliver conflicting opinions.

Statement on the whistleblower

- The Department does not comment on ongoing matters such as whistleblower complaints. We look forward to working with the Office of Special Counsel to address any questions they might have about this matter.

Regarding the shuffling of SES at DOI:

- The President signed an executive order to reorganize the federal government for the future and the Secretary has been absolutely out front on that issue. In fact, he mentioned a Department-wide, front lines-focused reorganization on his first day address to all employees.
- The purpose of the Senior Executive Service is to ensure that the executive

management of the government of the United States is responsive to the needs, policies, and goals of the Nation and otherwise is of the highest quality. Senior executives are the highest paid employees in the federal government and signed up for the SES knowing that they could be called upon to work in different positions at any time. Congress meant for the SES to be a mobile force that are capable of taking on different assignments to meet the needs of the agency. Personnel moves among the Senior Executive Service are being conducted to better serve the taxpayer and the Department's operations.

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Deputy Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

To: Friedman, Lisa[lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov[interior_press@ios.doi.gov]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-10-02T15:13:54-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: comment on IG investigation
Received: 2017-10-02T15:14:05-04:00

See the Secretary's statement Friday

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

> On Oct 2, 2017, at 3:08 PM, Friedman, Lisa <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com> wrote:
>
> Hi Heather - Can you comment on the Inspector General's decision to launch an investigation into Sec.
Zinke's private travel?
>
> Thanks so much,
> Lisa
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> --
> Lisa Friedman
> Reporter, New York Times
> (202) 862-0306 office
> (202) 251-2083 cell
>

To: Newell, Russell[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Laura Rigas
Sent: 2017-10-02T17:21:00-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Updated press releases for sage grouse
Received: 2017-10-02T17:21:08-04:00

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(b)(5) Did Downey sign off? Can you send around or should I? About to take off and not sure I will have WiFi.

Laura Keehner Rigas
Communications Director
U.S. Department of the Interior
(202) 897-7022 cell
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> On Oct 2, 2017, at 5:03 PM, Newell, Russell <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
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> here you go - two releases, both related to sage grouse, for tomorrow. So, Cally said they are submitting to Federal Register tomorrow, and anticipate they will publish on Friday. Told her this can't happen again. Everyone was in the loop - Bernhardt, Downey, etc. - except OCO. (b)(5)
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> <BLM cancels EIS SFA withdrawal proposal draft NR (1)_ SOL 10.2.2017 (2).docx>
> <100217 DTS Sage Grouse NOI draft news release.WO600.docx>

To: Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Hinson, Alex
Sent: 2017-10-02T17:26:47-04:00
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Subject: Re: *DRAFT DOI Daily Comms
Received: 2017-10-02T17:26:50-04:00

INTERIOR
WASHINGTON
10/2/2017

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Press Secretary
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On Oct 2, 2017, at 5:12 PM, Hinson, Alex <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 5:04 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: Ben Lefebvre
Sent: 2017-10-02T17:44:26-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: Question from Politico
Received: 2017-10-02T17:44:46-04:00

Sorry! Anything you can say on the two questions below?

From: Heather Swift [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 5:34 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Question from Politico

Ben please send all your questions in a single email rather than several throughout the day.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Oct 2, 2017, at 5:27 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Hello,

Just checking to see if Mrs. Zinke accompanied the Secretary on a tour of the Channel Islands on April 18, and, if so, what the official business done on the trip was. Also, was wondering if you could comment on whether Sec. Zinke has any political ambition for an office other than DOI Secretary. My phone is getting flooded with folks saying Zinke will run for Montana governor in 2020. Is that something that's on his mind at all?

Thank you,

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Received: 2017-10-02T19:43:58-04:00

Matt - I really think you should consider writing about Sec. Jewell's travel if the coverage over Zinke's is to continue. I'm happy to pull all of her trip details for you.

Sent from my iPad

To: Swift, Heather[Heather_Swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Sabalow, Ryan
Sent: 2017-10-02T19:59:08-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Request to interview Deputy Secretary Mikkelsen
Received: 2017-10-02T19:59:53-04:00

Hi Heather,
Sometime this week, if possible, I'd like to do a phone interview with Mr. Mikkelsen to discuss Klamath issues before he comes to California next week. Think we could make that happen?

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Ryan Sabalow
Sacramento Bee
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From: Hinson, Alex
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Subject: DOI Daily Report
Received: 2017-10-03T10:15:42-04:00

INTERIOR DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

NEWS TO SHARE:

U.S. News and World Report: New Mexico Oil Producers Concerned About Permit

Backlog

"The Bureau of Land Management earlier this year began shifting resources to tackle the backlog in areas where drilling activity has picked up, including in New Mexico's share of the Permian Basin, which also spans parts of West Texas and is one of the nation's top oil producing regions. Robert McEntyre, a spokesman for the association, said the processing of applications hasn't changed pace significantly since the summer when Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke issued an order targeting the backlog. While the U.S. Interior Department has prioritized the problem, the delays still concern producers, McEntyre said."

E&E News: Zinke champions oil and gas during Clean Energy Week

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Federal News Radio: How Interior, NGA, DHS provided a common picture for hurricane first responders

"With three major hurricanes wreaking havoc on the U.S., first responders and many others have a new tool to more clearly understand and visualize critical data. At the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), an interagency team launched the Homeland Infrastructure Foundation Level Data (HIFLD), a single authoritative source of relevant data for use by local, state, federal, tribal, private-sector and community partners. The open data platform serves as a hub to aggregate and disseminate open data to support the mapping activities for hurricane response and recovery. Tod Dabolt, the geospatial information officer in the Office of the CIO for the Department of the Interior, said this geospatial effort is making information sharing easier, better and faster than ever before."

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L.A. Times: Ryan Zinke under investigation for taxpayer-funded flights

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From: Anthony Smith
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Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Urgent inquiry inre: story on Secretary Zinke and Lola's travels
Received: 2017-10-03T10:22:44-04:00

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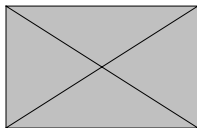
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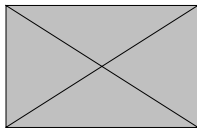


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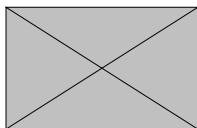


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From: Heather Swift
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Subject: Re: Question about Zinke's schedule
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Can you tell me more about your story?

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On Oct 3, 2017, at 10:27 AM, Green, Miranda <Miranda.Green@turner.com> wrote:

Hi Heather,
I wanted to follow up on this email I sent over the weekend asking about business meetings/ travel Sec. Zinke has had with Administrator Pruitt.

Thanks,
Miranda

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From: "Green, Miranda" <Miranda.Green@turner.com>
Date: Saturday, September 30, 2017 at 12:52 PM
To: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Question about Zinke's schedule

Hi Heather,
Since Secretary Zinke said he regularly makes his engagements and schedule public, I was hoping you could provide me with all of the times he's met and travelled with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt since he's been Secretary.

Thanks for your help,
Miranda

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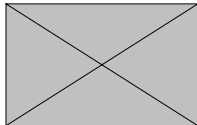
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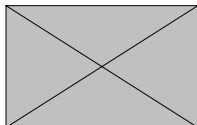


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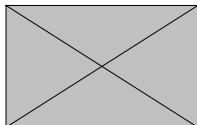


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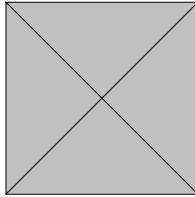
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So if Lola Zinke wasn't on any of the flights with the secretary, how did she travel to Montana and California to show up at those meetings? And why isn't she listed on Interior's manifest for the meeting with Gov Brown in California?

Thanks,

Tony

On Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 5:38 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I believe you mean the Blackfeet Nation.

She was on no flights with the Secretary.

Are you suggesting there is some wrongdoing here?

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Oct 2, 2017, at 5:33 PM, Anthony Smith <asmith@mic.com> wrote:

Hi Heather and DOI press team,

Hope you're having a good Monday afternoon. My name is Tony Smith, and I'm senior reporter for Mic. I'm writing a story on Secretary Zinke's travel, and I had a few questions.

1. I know from Interior's travel manifest that the secretary's wife, Lola, and their son, Wolfgang, showed up to the tribal blessing with the Blackstone Nation on Friday, Mar. 10 2017. However, neither Lola nor Wolfgang are listed on the flight manifest to Montana.

- How did Lola and Wolfgang travel there — on the March 9th flight (United 1532) with Secretary Zinke, or on another flight? When did they fly back to D.C.? Who paid for it?

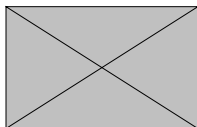
2. I know from DOI's social media that Lola attended a trip to California with the secretary on April 13, 2017. However, she isn't listed on any part of Interior's manifest for that trip: neither for the meeting itself, nor the travel manifest.

- How did Lola travel to California — on the April 12th flight (United 291) with Secretary Zinke, or on another flight? When did she fly back to D.C.? Who paid for it?

Thank you so much for taking these questions. I'm on a tight deadline, and do need to publish this story in an hour. I appreciate your timely response.

- Tony

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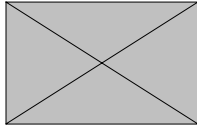


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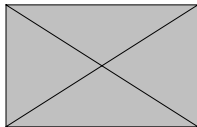


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Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov[interior_press@ios.doi.gov]; russell_newell@ios.doi.gov[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]; Levitt, Ross[Ross.Levitt@turner.com]; Wallace, Gregory[gregory.wallace@turner.com]
From: Marsh, Rene
Sent: 2017-10-03T16:32:12-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: CNN
Received: 2017-10-03T16:32:59-04:00

Hi Heather,

CNN has additional questions on the Secretary's travel.

What was the purpose of his speech to the Vegas Golden Knights Hockey team in June?
Who invited Zinke to give the speech to the team?
Who owned the plane that Zinke flew on from Vegas to Montana?
Who else was on board the plane from Vegas to Montana?
Zinke's schedule shows on 4/28 he traveled from DC to Atlanta. How did he travel? Commercial?
Government plane? Private?
On June 22 how did Zinke travel to his meeting in West Virginia? Did he use a Park Police Chopper?
What is the cost estimate for use of the chopper?
On July 7 why did the Secretary travel using a USPP helicopter? What was the cost associated with the use of the helicopter?
Can you tell us about the flight on July 20th. Was that a commercial flight? If so please share the flight details?

Thank you,
— René Marsh
CNN
Correspondent
Twitter: @Rene_MarshCNN
Office: 202- 777-7249

From: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 2:49 PM
To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>
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Subject: Re: CNN

The \$12k is for Nevada.
The \$3k is for the flights between the islands.

Also, for your reference, Secretary Jewell also took a number of charter aircraft, including but not limited to the following:

- 1/14/16 \$9,800 roundtrip between Albuquerque, NM --> Farmington, NM
- 5/3/16 \$13,605 Helena, MT --> Browning, MT (this is about a three hour drive) Browning, MT --> Palm Springs
- 8/24/16 \$20,383 Bakersfield, CA --> Kalispell, MT --> Livingston, MT
- There were also at least two military aircraft flights on 9/5/13 between Honolulu and the Marshall Islands, and 5/13/14 DC to St. Louis.

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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 2:43 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
 <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
 Hi there,

I am getting a bit confused .
 Can you send the breakdown of flights and costs so I am clear on what cost what?

I see \$ 3,150 --- that's the flight from where to where
 The \$12375- that's round trip between st. croix and st. Thomas

We are on deadline . also looking to confirm the charter company used. I see youre quoted as confirming that but if reports as you point out have been inaccurate I need to get it confirmed with you myself.

— René Marsh
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From: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 2:18 PM
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Subject: Re: CNN

3/31/17 USVI flights were - \$3,150

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Heather_Swift@ios.doi.gov | Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 1:36 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
The flight between two islands in the US VI. Yes that cost is correct. We have not yet been billed on the military air asset to the wildfire.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:21 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

You are quoted as saying one of the flights costs 12,375. Which costs are you waiting on? Can you provide the costs you already have?

Thank you,
— René Marsh
CNN
Correspondent
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Office: 202- 777-7249

From: Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 1:16 PM

To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>

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Subject: Re: CNN

Miranda Green

Heather Swift

Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:14 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

We are looking for the cost of the flights? I don't see that below. B =y
the way who did you provide this info to earlier ?

— René Marsh
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From: Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 1:12 PM

To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>

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Subject: Re: CNN

The below information was supplied to your colleague earlier.

On the record

As is consistent with the travel of previous Interior secretaries, the Secretary traveled on charter flights when there were no commercial options available. All travel is pre-approved by the ethics office and the travel lawyers in the Division of General Law (statement from them below) before booking, and the charter

flights went through an additional level of due diligence.

Taxpayers absolutely have a right to know how much official government travel costs. It's common sense. At the Department we make those documents available to the public. Using tax dollars wisely and ethically is a big responsibility and is at the heart of good government. Unfortunately there are some times when Interior has to utilize charter services because we often travel to areas that don't have a lot of flight options.

Standard operating procedure is that the Secretary and staff fly on a commercial, government, coach fare whenever possible.

"The Scheduling Office meets regularly with the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law to ensure that all travel is thoroughly reviewed and approved in advance and that it is fully compliant with all applicable laws,

rules, and regulations. Consistent with this process, the trip was reviewed and approved in advance by both the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law. In short, the trip - including the Secretary's address to the hockey developmental squad - was completely compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations." --Joint Statement from Melinda Loftin (Department of the Interior Designated Agency Ethics Official and Director of the Departmental Ethics Office) and Edward Keable (Deputy Solicitor - General Law). Both are career members of the Senior Executive Service.

On background

Regarding the ownership of the plane: the Secretary has never met or spoken to Mr Neilson and that the charter plane company is a vendor of the federal government. It was selected by career officials a thousand miles away in Boise or Atlanta after cost analysis. Furthermore, that company had years of federal contracts before the Secretary was even sworn into office.

The WP piece was false through omission where it said commercial flights are

available between LAS and FCA. In fact there are exactly 0 commercial flights leaving after 8PM that would have got the Secretary to FCA in time for an 8:30AM meeting.

The WP was wrong when said there were multiple political events, there were not. He attended single political event for Senator Daines in Big Sky when he was already scheduled to be in the area and it was no cost to the Department.

The WP piece is false through omission on the Yellowstone aspect by making it sound like the itinerary was light. In fact, the itinerary in Yellowstone was robust. Yellowstone has a serious sexual harassment situation? The Secretary traveled there to meet with the superintendent and the staff about it. The park is also in hot negotiations with tribes on a number of fronts that needed the secretary's time. All of these things were also part of the secretary's trip in addition to meeting the employees he oversees.

On the point of the UNITED STATES Virgin Islands. Again another lie through omission and leading readers to believe he is at a foreign "Caribbean" islands rather than an American territory that is overseen by the Department. That itinerary included several

hours of official government events and ceremonies as well as meeting with American military veterans from the territory and a visit to a National Park that is under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Lastly- The politico piece did not accurately describe the Montana portion of the trip. The Secretary's itinerary began with meetings at 8:30 AM then included a keynote speech to the Western Governor's Association (which is led by Montana's Democratic governor), a press conference, a working lunch with governors, and other engagements.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories) Also attending the ceremonies were the Danish Prime Minister and Governor Mapp as well as several other high ranking government officials.

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available for the itinerary of official government events.

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland with additional stops in Alaska

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The Committee organized and utilized a charter in northern Alaska.

Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

Payment: the Secretary and the staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.

The Secretary had events and speaking engagements in the evening in Nevada and in the morning in Montana.

Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and necessary staff to the morning Montana events on time. The Secretary's speech ended at 7:45PM and he had a meeting at 8:30 the following morning. The charter landed at 1:30AM. The secretary had multiple events at the Western Governors Association

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid

out of the DOI budget

Heather Swift

Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:09 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Heather,

CNN is circling back on this request.

Thank you,
— René Marsh
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From: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>

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Subject: Re: CNN

Good Morning Heather,

CNN is looking to confirm the costs of all of the charters you outlined below.

We are also looking to confirm the name of the charter company that provided the flights for the Secretary's official travel.

Besides these charter flights you noted below has the Secretary also used military/government planes? If so can you outline dates, times, places, justification?

Many thanks,

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From: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>
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Subject: Re: CNN

Thank you Heather

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From: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 2:13 PM
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Subject: Re: CNN

I don't have that information immediately available. Will put a request in.

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Heather Swift
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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:09 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Thank you Heather.

What type of aircraft were these private planes? What was the cost for these trips that came out of the DOI budget?

Thank you
— René Marsh
CNN
Correspondent
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From: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 2:05 PM
To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>
Cc: "interior_press@ios.doi.gov" <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>, "russell_newell@ios.doi.gov" <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov>, "Levitt, Ross" <Ross.Levitt@turner.com>, Gregory Wallace <gregory.wallace@turner.com>
Subject: Re: CNN

Rene - also want to add on the Alaska portion that was part of the CODEL arranged by Senate ENR.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 12:17 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:56 AM, 'Marsh, Rene'
via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>
wrote:
Thanks Heather.

What type of planes were these charter flights? Can you
please check and confirm?

We are also looking to get a better understanding about
why commercial flights were listed as not an option for
the 5/17 trip?

There was no commercial flight available for
the route/schedule. Getting around in the Arctic
Circle is not like catching a flight out of
Washington, D.C.

For the 6/26 trip what were the times of his
commitment?

What time were the events scheduled for in Nevada?

What time was the speaking engagement scheduled for
the next morning in Montana?

The event ended around 8:00PM in NV. He arrived
in MT around 2:00AM and the Secretary had
meetings with governors and public lands
advocates the following morning beginning at
8:45AM. The Western Governors Association - led
by a Democratic governor - invited the Secretary to
speak.

Is it safe to assume the secretary flew commercial from
Washington D.C. to places like Vegas, Alaska and St.
Croix before boarding the private flights in those
places?

Yes - the Secretary flew to Nevada and the
USVI on a commercial, coach, government
fare. He got to Alaska by way of the CODEL
which was arranged by the Senate. He left
Alaska on a commercial, coach, government
fare.

Thank you,

— René Marsh
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From: "Swift, Heather"
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Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 11:31 AM
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Subject: Re: CNN

I sent this to Hannah Lang.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories)

Also attending the ceremonies were the Danish Prime Minister and Governor Mapp.
Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland with additional stops in Alaska
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The Committee organized and utilized a

charter.

Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual

meeting.

The Secretary had two speaking engagements, in the evening in Nevada and in the morning in Montana.

Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and necessary staff to the event on time.

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget

The Secretary took a military jet once with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Purdue after he was invited by USDA to attend a briefing at a wildfire camp in Montana. The fire was one of the most high-priority in the country and a firefighter had died battling the blaze earlier in the summer. (The two departments co-manage wildfire fighting efforts for the federal government.)

The Secretary also travels military jet when he travels with POTUS or VPOTUS. There have been three such trips to Cincinnati, West Virginia, and Atlanta.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM, 'Marsh, Rene'
via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>
wrote:

Morning Heather,

I checked in with my colleagues and they say they never received a response on this topic from Interior. Could you please provide?

We are looking to find out has the Secretary chartered private planes for his travels while in office? Government/military planes during his time in office? How many times?

Was commercial considered as the first option? Justification for flying private?

Thank you,

Rene Marsh
CNN

On 9/22/17, 12:53 PM, "Heather Swift" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
wrote:

We do it here too.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

> On Sep 22, 2017, at 11:44 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
> <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> Apologies. That's annoying on our part. Sorry we are doubling up.
> Will check with them and circle back if there are
> any outstanding questions.

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> — René Marsh
> CNN
> Correspondent
> Twitter: @Rene_MarshCNN
> Office: 202- 777-7249

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> On 9/22/17, 12:43 PM, "Heather Swift" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
> wrote:

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> Rene can you please coordinate with your colleagues? I've received
> this inquiry from several people at CNN.

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> Heather Swift
> Press Secretary
> Department of the Interior

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>> On Sep 22, 2017, at 11:35 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
>> <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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>> Hello,

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>> CNN is looking to get information on Zinke's travel information.
>> When he travels by plane does he always fly
>> commercial? Private ?

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>> Thank you,

>> Rene Marsh

>> CNN

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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To: russell_newell@ios.doi.gov[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]; MDaly@ap.org[MDaly@ap.org]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-10-03T17:35:56-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Travel
Received: 2017-10-03T17:36:06-04:00

Matthew meet my colleague Russell.

On background

Regarding Itinerary in NV/MT:

While the Secretary was in Nevada he had two speeches, a meeting with rural county commissioners, and a major grant funding announcement (~\$500M in PILT). All events were cleared by the Department's general law and ethics officials and were deemed official DOI meetings and speeches. (Do you have the ethics officials' statement) in Montana the Secretary's schedule began with meetings at 8:30AM and continued with several events with the Western Governors Association, which is a bipartisan group led by the Democratic governor of Montana (keynote speech, roundtable working lunch, breakaway meetings). The Secretary held a press conference, and had other one on one interviews.

Sec. Zinke's Three Charter Flights:

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories) Also attending the ceremonies were the Danish Prime Minister and Governor Mapp as well as several other high ranking government officials.

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available for the itinerary of official government events.

Cost: \$3,150

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

5/17

Trip: Bipartisan CODEL to Norway and Greenland organized by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources with additional stops in Alaska

Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

Cost: \$3,932

Payment: the Secretary and the 3 staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.

The Secretary had events and speaking engagements in the evening in Nevada and in the morning in Montana.

Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and necessary staff to the morning Montana events on time.

The Secretary was in Nevada for two speeches, a meeting with rural county commissioners, and a major grant announcement to the tune of nearly a billion dollars for rural funding. The last speech ended at 7:45PM and he had a meeting at 8:30 the following morning. The charter landed at 1:30AM.

Cost: \$12,375

Payment: the Secretary and 4 staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget

To: Newell, Russell[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]
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Subject: Re: Sage Grouse
Received: 2017-10-03T18:35:17-04:00
[Sage Grouse NOI draft news release.WO600_RN.docx](#)

I have made edits, everyone please take a look. The NOI release as drafted still does not reflect current messaging efforts. If someone wants to rework that is fine- I think you see what I am getting at here.

On Tue, Oct 3, 2017 at 6:07 PM, Newell, Russell <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

All - these releases are scheduled to go out tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any final edits.

v/r

Russell

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To: heather_swift@ios.doi.gov[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: White House Press Office
Sent: 2017-10-03T18:48:26-04:00
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Received: 2017-10-03T18:49:09-04:00

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 3, 2017

President Donald J. Trump Announces Intent to Nominate Personnel to Key Administration Posts

President Donald J. Trump today announced his intent to nominate the following individuals to key positions in his Administration:

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Kimberly A. Reed of West Virginia to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2021. Ms. Reed most recently was president of the International Food Information Council Foundation, a non-profit collaborating with governments, the food and agricultural supply chain, and health professionals on issues surrounding the feeding of the global population. She previously served as senior advisor to U.S. Treasury Secretaries John Snow and Henry Paulson, and led the U.S. Treasury Department's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, where she awarded nearly \$4 billion in tax credits, loans, and grants to financial institutions and economic development groups for investing in economically distressed communities. She also was counsel to three Congressional committees in the U.S. House of Representatives: Ways and Means, Government Reform and Oversight, and Education and the Workforce, and vice president for financial markets policy relations at Lehman Brothers. Ms. Reed is recognized as one of the "100 Women Leaders in STEM" (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and serves on several boards. She is the first woman chair of the Republican National Lawyers Association. She holds a B.S. in biology and government from West Virginia Wesleyan College and J.D. from West Virginia University College of Law.

David J. Ryder of New Jersey to be Director of the United States Mint. Mr. Ryder served as manager and managing director of currency for Honeywell Authentication Technologies. Previously, Mr. Ryder served as CEO of Secure Products Corporation, which was acquired by Honeywell in 2007. In 1991, Mr. Ryder was nominated by President George H.W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as Director of the U.S. Mint. His prior government service also included Deputy Treasurer of the United States, Assistant to the Vice President and Deputy Chief of Staff to Vice President Daniel Quayle. Mr. Ryder was born in Billings, Montana and raised in Boise, Idaho. A graduate of Boise State University, Mr. Ryder is married with two children.

Leon "Lynn" A. Westmoreland of Georgia to be a Member of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years. Congressman Lynn A. Westmoreland served in the U.S. House of Representatives for 12 years after serving 12 years in the Georgia House of Representatives. During his time in Congress, he served on the subcommittee on railroads, pipelines, and hazardous materials of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee for six years. Congressman Westmoreland also served on the Financial Services Committee and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Congressman Westmoreland started his own construction business in 1982 and did residential and light commercial construction until his election to Congress in 2004. He currently serves as principal of Westmoreland Strategies LLC, which provides strategic advice to a variety of clients. He and his wife of 48 years, Joan, have three children and seven, soon to be eight, grandchildren.

Mitchell Zais of South Carolina to be Deputy Secretary of Education. Most recently, Mr. Zais served as South Carolina's elected State Superintendent of Education. During his term in office, the department's budget was reduced while on-time high school graduation rates increased every year to an all-time high. The number of public charter schools increased 78 percent, the number of public charter school students increased 155 percent, and the number of students taking online courses grew 130 percent. Prior to that, he served 10 years as president of Newberry College in South Carolina. The College was recognized for the first time by *U.S. News* as one of "America's Best Colleges." He served 31 years as an infantry soldier in the U.S. Army. He retired as a Brigadier General. Mr. Zais holds a B.S. in engineering from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, an M.A. degree in military history, plus M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in organizational behavior and social psychology from the University of Washington. He served as South Carolina Commissioner of Higher Education and is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto, the states' highest civilian award.

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- ☐ Claudia Slacik of New York, for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring January 20, 2019, and an additional 4-year term expiring January 20, 2023.
- ☐ Judith Delzoppo Pryor of Ohio, for the remainder of a 4-year term expiring January 20, 2021.

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WHEN:

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WHO:

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke
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WHAT:

Press Conference and Ranger-led briefing on status of Everglades National Park

WHEN:

Saturday, October 7, 2017

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From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-10-04T09:08:34-04:00
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Subject: Re: Request to interview Deputy Secretary Mikkelsen
Received: 2017-10-04T09:08:42-04:00

Bureau of Reclamation will reach out regarding Acting Director Mikkelsen. Will be a couple days as he is out of the office on personal leave.

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On Oct 3, 2017, at 2:03 PM, Sabalow, Ryan <rsabalow@sacbee.com> wrote:

Hi,
Casting a wider net after my request yesterday below. Can someone there please help me out with this request today? I'd really like to do an interview with Mr. Mikkelsen the next day or two. Appreciate your help. Thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sabalow, Ryan <rsabalow@sacbee.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 4:59 PM
Subject: Request to interview Deputy Secretary Mikkelsen
To: "Swift, Heather" <Heather_Swift@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Heather,
Sometime this week, if possible, I'd like to do a phone interview with Mr. Mikkelsen to discuss Klamath issues before he comes to California next week. Think we could make that happen?

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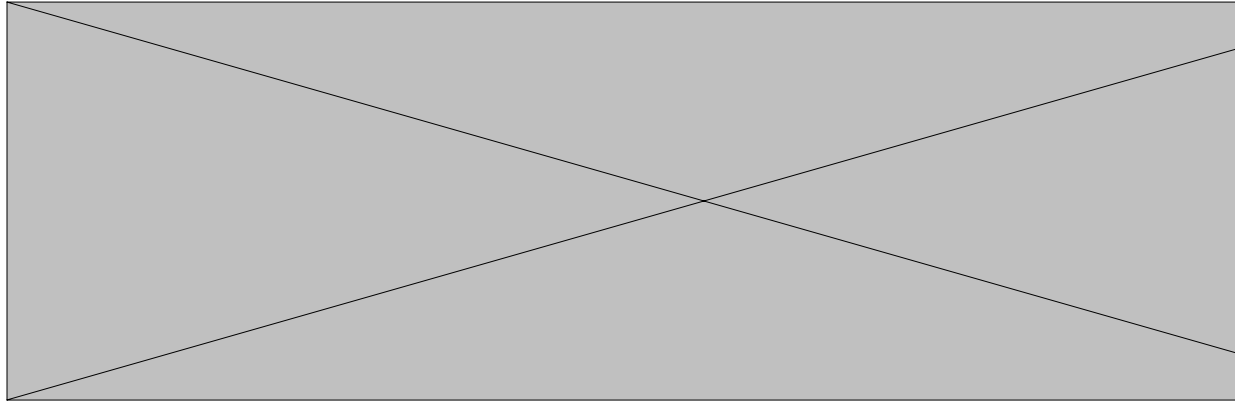
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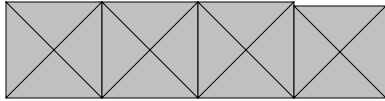
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Sent: 2017-10-04T10:02:46-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: Follow up from Politico
Received: 2017-10-04T10:02:56-04:00

Argh. I really do apologize. I am in desperate need of coffee. One more question:

Did the NRCC/NRSC/RNC or Republican Party of the USVI reimburse any of Zinke's travel costs for the March 30 fundraiser?

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From: Sabalow, Ryan
Sent: 2017-10-04T11:43:32-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Request to interview Deputy Secretary Mikkelsen
Received: 2017-10-04T11:44:56-04:00

Ok. Thanks.

On Wed, Oct 4, 2017 at 6:08 AM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Bureau of Reclamation will reach out regarding Acting Director Mikkelsen. Will be a couple days as he is out of the office on personal leave.

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On Oct 3, 2017, at 2:03 PM, Sabalow, Ryan <rsabalow@sacbee.com> wrote:

Hi,
Casting a wider net after my request yesterday below. Can someone there please help me out with this request today? I'd really like to do an interview with Mr. Mikkelsen the next day or two. Appreciate your help. Thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Sabalow, Ryan** <rsabalow@sacbee.com>
Date: Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 4:59 PM
Subject: Request to interview Deputy Secretary Mikkelsen
To: "Swift, Heather" <Heather_Swift@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Heather,
Sometime this week, if possible, I'd like to do a phone interview with Mr. Mikkelsen to discuss Klamath issues before he comes to California next week. Think we could make that happen?

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From: Marsh, Rene
Sent: 2017-10-04T13:02:35-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: CNN
Received: 2017-10-04T13:12:01-04:00

Good afternoon Heather,

Do you have a sense of timing for when we can expect a response to the below inquiry ?

Thank you
Rene Marsh
CNN

Sent from my iPhone

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<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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If so please share the flight details?

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From: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 2:49 PM
To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>
Cc: "interior_press@ios.doi.gov" <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>, "russell_newell@ios.doi.gov" <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov>, "Levitt, Ross" <Ross.Levitt@turner.com>, Gregory Wallace <gregory.wallace@turner.com>
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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 2:43 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi there,

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cost what?

I see \$ 3,150 --- that's the flight from where to where
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We are on deadline . also looking to confirm the charter company used. I
see youre quoted as confirming that but if reports as you point out have
been inaccurate I need to get it confirmed with you myself.

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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 1:36 PM, Heather Swift

<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

The flight between two islands in the US VI. Yes that cost is correct. We have not yet been billed on the military air asset to the wildfire.

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:21 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
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You are quoted as saying one of the flights costs 12,375.
Which costs are you waiting on? Can you provide the costs you already have?

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Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 1:12 PM

To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>

Cc: "interior_press@ios.doi.gov" <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>, "russell_newell@ios.doi.gov" <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov>, "Levitt, Ross" <Ross.Levitt@turner.com>, Gregory Wallace <gregory.wallace@turner.com>

Subject: Re: CNN

The below information was supplied to your colleague earlier.

On the record

As is consistent with the travel of previous Interior secretaries, the Secretary traveled on charter flights when there were no commercial options available. All travel is pre-approved by the ethics office and the travel lawyers in the Division of General Law (statement from them

below) before booking, and the charter flights went through an additional level of due diligence.

Taxpayers absolutely have a right to know how much official government travel costs. It's common sense. At the Department we make those documents available to the public. Using tax dollars wisely and ethically is a big responsibility and is at the heart of good government. Unfortunately there are some times when Interior has to utilize charter services because we often travel to areas that don't have a lot of flight options.

Standard operating procedure is that the Secretary and staff fly on a commercial, government, coach fare whenever possible.

"The Scheduling Office meets regularly with the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law to ensure that all travel is thoroughly reviewed and approved in advance and that it is fully compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Consistent with this process, the trip was reviewed and approved in advance by both the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law. In short, the trip - including the Secretary's address to the hockey developmental squad - was completely compliant with all

applicable laws, rules, and regulations." --Joint Statement from Melinda Loftin (Department of the Interior Designated Agency Ethics Official and Director of the Departmental Ethics Office) and Edward Keable (Deputy Solicitor - General Law). Both are career members of the Senior Executive Service.

On background

Regarding the ownership of the plane: the Secretary has never met or spoken to Mr Neilson and that the charter plane company is a vendor of the federal government. It was selected by career officials a thousand miles away in Boise or Atlanta after cost analysis. Furthermore, that company had years of federal contracts before the Secretary was even sworn into office.

The WP piece was false

through omission where it said commercial flights are available between LAS and FCA. In fact there are exactly 0 commercial flights leaving after 8PM that would have got the Secretary to FCA in time for an 8:30AM meeting.

The WP was wrong when said there were multiple political events, there were not. He attended single political event for Senator Daines in Big Sky when he was already scheduled to be in the area and it was no cost to the Department.

The WP piece is false through omission on the Yellowstone aspect by making it sound like the itinerary was light. In fact, the itinerary in Yellowstone was robust. Yellowstone has a serious sexual harassment situation? The Secretary traveled there to meet with the superintendent and the staff about it. The park is

also in hot negotiations with tribes on a number of fronts that needed the secretary's time. All of these things were also part of the secretary's trip in addition to meeting the employees he oversees.

On the point of the UNITED STATES Virgin Islands. Again another lie through omission and leading readers to believe he is at a foreign "Caribbean" islands rather than an American territory that is overseen by the Department. That itinerary included several hours of official government events and ceremonies as well as meeting with American military veterans from the territory and a visit to a National Park that is under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Lastly- The politico piece did not accurately describe the Montana portion of the trip. The Secretary's

itinerary began with meetings at 8:30 AM then included a keynote speech to the Western Governor's Association (which is led by Montana's Democratic governor), a press conference, a working lunch with governors, and other engagements.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day

Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories) Also attending the ceremonies were the Danish Prime Minister and Governor Mapp as well as several other high ranking government officials.

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available for the itinerary of official government events.

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were

paid out of the DOI budget.

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland with additional stops in Alaska

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The Committee organized and utilized a charter in northern Alaska.

Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

Payment: the Secretary and the staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.

The Secretary had events and speaking engagements in the evening in Nevada and in the morning in Montana.

Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and necessary staff to the morning Montana events

on time. The Secretary's speech ended at 7:45PM and he had a meeting at 8:30 the following morning. The charter landed at 1:30AM. The secretary had multiple events at the Western Governors Association

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget

Heather Swift

Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:09 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Heather,

CNN is circling back on this request.

Thank you,
— René Marsh
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Subject: Re: CNN

, "Levitt, Ross"
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Gregory Wallace
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Good Morning Heather,

CNN is looking to confirm the costs of all of the charters you outlined below.

We are also looking to confirm the name of the charter company that provided the flights for the Secretary's official travel.

Besides these charter flights you noted below has the Secretary also used military/government planes? If so can you outline dates, times, places, justification?

Many thanks,
— René Marsh
CNN
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From: "Marsh, Rene"
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Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 3:14 PM

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Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 2:13 PM

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I don't have that
information immediately
available. Will put a request
in.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:09
PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior
Press

[<interior_press@ios.doi.gov>](mailto:interior_press@ios.doi.gov)

wrote:

Thank you Heather.

What type of aircraft were these private planes? What was the cost for these trips that came out of the DOI budget?

Thank you

— René Marsh

CNN

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Rene - also want to add on the Alaska portion that was part of the CODEL arranged by Senate ENR.

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11:56 AM, 'Marsh, Rene'
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> wrote:
Thanks Heather.

What type of planes were
these charter flights? Can you
please check and confirm?
We are also looking to get a
better understanding about
why commercial flights were
listed as not an option for the
5/17 trip?

There was no
commercial flight
available for the
route/schedule. Getting
around in the Arctic
Circle is not like catching
a flight out of
Washington, D.C.

For the 6/26 trip what were
the times of his
commitment?
What time were the events
scheduled for in Nevada?
What time was the speaking
engagement scheduled for
the next morning in
Montana?

The event ended around

8:00PM in NV. He arrived in MT around 2:00AM and the Secretary had meetings with governors and public lands advocates the following morning beginning at 8:45AM. The Western Governors Association - led by a Democratic governor - invited the Secretary to speak.

Is it safe to assume the secretary flew commercial from Washington D.C. to places like Vegas, Alaska and St. Croix before boarding the private flights in those places?

Yes - the Secretary flew to Nevada and the USVI on a commercial, coach, government fare. He got to Alaska by way of the CODEL which was arranged by the Senate. He left Alaska on a commercial, coach, government fare.

Thank you,
— René Marsh
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Gregory Wallace
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Subject: Re: CNN

I sent this to Hannah
Lang.

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6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors
Association annual
meeting.

The Secretary had two speaking engagements, in the evening in
Nevada and in the morning
in Montana.

Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and
necessary staff to the event
on time.

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the
DOI budget

The Secretary took a
military jet once with
U.S. Secretary of
Agriculture Sonny
Purdue after he was
invited by USDA to
attend a briefing at a
wildfire camp in
Montana. The fire was
one of the most high-
priority in the country
and a firefighter had died
battling the blaze earlier
in the summer. (The two
departments co-manage
wildfire fighting efforts for
the federal government.
)

The Secretary also
travels military jet when
he travels with POTUS
or VPOTUS. There have
been three such trips to
Cincinnati, West Virginia,
and Atlanta.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at
11:20 AM, 'Marsh, Rene'
via Interior Press
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v> wrote:

Morning Heather,

I checked in with my colleagues and they say they never
received a response on
this topic from Interior.
Could you please provide?

We are looking to find out has the Secretary chartered private
planes for his travels
while in office?
Government/military
planes during his time in
office? How many
times?

Was commercial considered as the first option? Justification
for flying private?
Thank you,

Rene Marsh
CNN

On 9/22/17, 12:53 PM, "Heather Swift"
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ov> wrote:

We do it here too.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

> On Sep 22, 2017, at 11:44 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior
Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov>
ov> wrote:

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> Apologies. That's annoying on our part. Sorry we are doubling up. Will check with them and circle back if there are any outstanding questions.

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> — René Marsh

> CNN

> Correspondent

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> On 9/22/17, 12:43 PM, "Heather Swift"

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[ov](mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

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> Rene can you please coordinate with your colleagues?

I've received

> this inquiry from several people at CNN.

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> Heather Swift

> Press Secretary

> Department of the Interior

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>> On Sep 22, 2017, at 11:35 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via

Interior Press

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[ov](mailto:interior_press@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

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>> Hello,

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>> CNN is looking to get information on Zinke's travel information. When he travels by plane does he always fly commercial? Private ?

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>> Thank you,

>> Rene Marsh

>> CNN

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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From: Daniel Jorjani
Sent: 2017-10-04T14:33:27-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Urgent inquiry inre: story on Secretary Zinke and Lola's travels
Received: 2017-10-04T14:33:38-04:00

Heather - Thank you. How can I help?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2017, at 2:29 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

Begin forwarded message:

From: Anthony Smith <asmith@mic.com>
Date: October 4, 2017 at 2:07:01 PM EDT
To: Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov" <Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Urgent inquiry inre: story on Secretary Zinke and Lola's travels

Hi Heather and Team,
Hope you're having a good afternoon. We're publishing a story today on the irregularities in Interior's travel manifest. Lola Zinke appears to be at the center of all of the irregularities we could glean. Your fast response here is greatly appreciated. We have a few new questions on the matter, and we wanted to give the department a last chance to answer the ones we've asked repeatedly:

- Multiple sources with direct knowledge of the matter told Mic that Interior's photographer was instructed to crop Lola out in official photos from departmental meetings on trips she attended with her husband. Does Interior have a comment on that?

MONTANA

- How did Lola Zinke get to Montana in March 2017 so she could be present for the tribal blessing from the Blackfeet Nation.
- Who paid for Lola Zinke's share of the March 2017 Montana trip?
- How much was it?

CALIFORNIA

- How did Lola Zinke get to California for the secretary's meeting with Gov. Brown?
- Who paid for her share of the trip?
- How much was her share of the trip?
- Why isn't she on the manifest for any part of the trip, including the meeting with Gov. Brown?
- Why isn't she in any of the photos from the meeting currently available on the department's Flickr account?
- Were any photos of Lola at that meeting deleted from the Flickr account?

NORWAY + ALASKA

- We know from Politico and U.S. News that Ms Zinke was on the trip with the secretary to Norway and Alaska. Why isn't she listed on the manifests for any of the air travel related to those trips.
- Why isn't she listed on the manifest at all, except for the cookout at Denali National Park on 5/28?
- Was the cookout the only event she attended?

Thanks,
Anthony

On Tue, Oct 3, 2017 at 10:22 AM, Anthony Smith <asmith@mic.com> wrote:

Hi Heather and Team,
Just following up here. Thanks for clarifying yesterday that Lola Zinke wasn't on any of the flights with Secretary Zinke.

Still would like to know:

- How Lola got to Montana for the 3/10/17 tribal blessing
- Who paid for her travel
- How Lola got to California for 4/13/17 meeting with Gov. Brown
- Who paid for her travel
- Why she isn't on the manifest for any part of the California trip, including the meeting with Gov. Brown

thanks!

- Anthony

On Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 5:46 PM, Anthony Smith <asmith@mic.com> wrote:

My mistake on the name of the nation.

I'm not suggesting wrongdoing at all, just following up on a tip.
So if Lola Zinke wasn't on any of the flights with the secretary, how did she travel to Montana and California to show up at those meetings? And why isn't she listed on Interior's manifest for the meeting with Gov Brown in California?

Thanks,

Tony

On Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 5:38 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I believe you mean the Blackfeet Nation.

She was on no flights with the Secretary.

Are you suggesting there is some wrongdoing here?

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Oct 2, 2017, at 5:33 PM, Anthony Smith <asmith@mic.com> wrote:

Hi Heather and DOI press team,

Hope you're having a good Monday afternoon.
My name is Tony Smith, and I'm senior reporter for Mic. I'm writing a story on Secretary Zinke's travel, and I had a few questions.

1. I know from Interior's travel manifest that the secretary's wife, Lola, and their son, Wolfgang, showed up to the tribal blessing with the Blackstone Nation on Friday, Mar. 10 2017. However, neither Lola nor Wolfgang are listed on the flight manifest to Montana.

- How did Lola and Wolfgang travel there — on the March 9th flight (United 1532) with Secretary Zinke, or on another flight? When did they fly back to D.C.? Who paid for it?

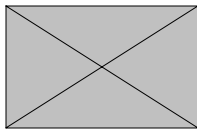
2. I know from DOI's social media that Lola attended a trip to California with the secretary on April 13, 2017. However, she isn't listed on any part of Interior's manifest for that trip: neither for the meeting itself, nor the travel manifest.

- How did Lola travel to California — on the April 12th flight (United 291) with Secretary Zinke, or on another flight? When did she fly back to D.C.? Who paid for it?

Thank you so much for taking these questions. I'm on a tight deadline, and do need to publish this story in an hour. I appreciate your timely response.

- Tony

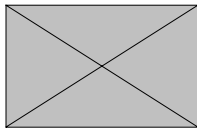
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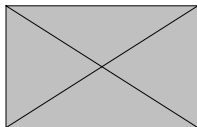
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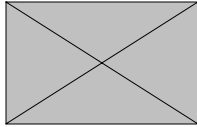
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From: Eilperin, Juliet
Sent: 2017-10-04T14:48:47-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: just resending this request, and mentioning one other issue that's pooped up
Received: 2017-10-04T14:49:04-04:00

Dear All,

I'm just flagging this once more in case anyone can respond by COB.

Second, a colleague is writing a piece that will mention how 3 Cabinet officials and David Bernhardt attended the National Mining Association's board meeting in DC this week (Deputy Secretary Bernhardt went today). He was wondering if you had a statement on why the Deputy Secretary attended the meeting, and went instead of the Secretary. So if you've got something on that, please send that along.

Thanks, Juliet

From: Eilperin, Juliet
Sent: Wednesday, October 04, 2017 12:10 PM
To: 'Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov' <Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov>; 'Swift, Heather' <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: I'm working on a story related to the royalty rule suspended in late Feb, and it will also mention the royalty advisory committee meeting today

Dear All,

Can you tell me who would be the best press contact on this? It mainly pertains to decision-making at ONRR in January and February, but there are also a couple of questions about the new committee membership.

Thanks, Juliet

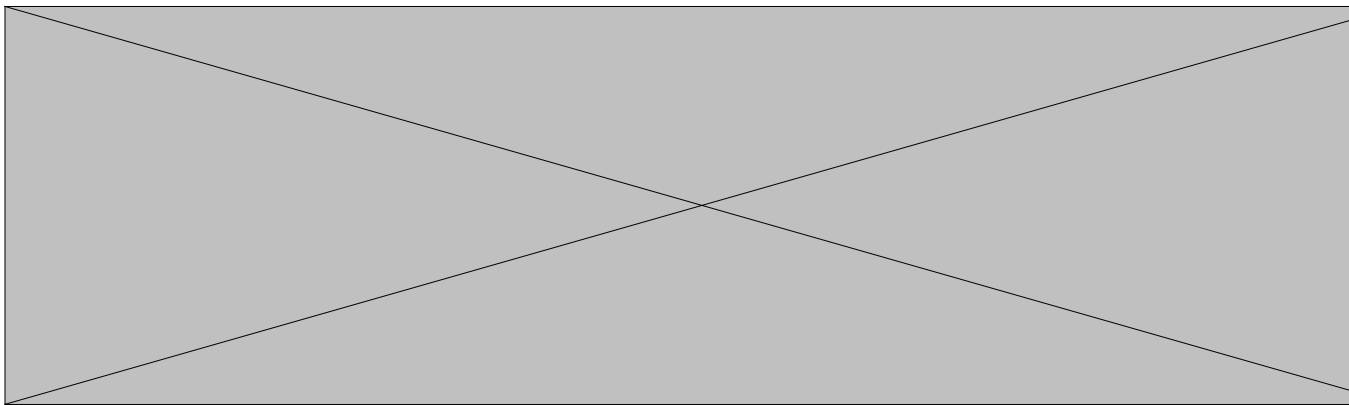
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From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-10-04T15:37:36-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: ****Media Alert** Secretary Zinke set to Visit Florida**
Received: 2017-10-04T15:37:44-04:00

Heather Swift
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Department of the Interior

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: ****Media Alert** Secretary Zinke set to Visit Florida**
Reply-To: <interior_news@updates.interior.gov>



Date: October 4, 2017
Contact: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

Secretary Zinke set to Visit Florida

WASHINGTON - Thursday, October 5, 2017, through Saturday, October 7, 2017, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will travel to Florida to conduct on-the-ground assessments of hurricane damage at National Park Service locations and to receive a briefing on Everglades Restoration. The Secretary was invited to the Everglades earlier this year by U.S. Senator Marco Rubio and several other members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

All members of the news media wishing to attend open press opportunities must RSVP to Alex Hinson at interior_press@ios.doi.gov with the name, day-of phone number, and email address of every member of the reporting team. More information will be made available with the confirmation of RSVP.

Thursday, October 5, 2017

- WHO:** U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke
- WHAT:** Briefing on infrastructure upgrades and Everglades restoration at Lake Okeechobee
- WHEN:** Thursday, October 5, 2017
- WHERE:** Please RSVP for more information

Friday, October 6, 2017

- WHO:** U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke
- WHAT:** Hurricane damage assessment and clean-up project at Big Cypress National Preserve
- WHEN:** Friday, October 6, 2017
- WHERE:** Please RSVP for more information

Saturday, October 7, 2017

- WHO:** U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke

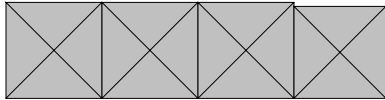
Senator Marco Rubio
Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation

WHAT: Press Availability at Everglades National Park

WHEN: Saturday, October 7, 2017

WHERE: Please RSVP for more information

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- Who paid for Lola Zinke's share of the March 2017 Montana trip?
- How much was it?

CALIFORNIA

- How did Lola Zinke get to California for the secretary's meeting with Gov. Brown?
- Who paid for her share of the trip?
- How much was her share of the trip?
- Why isn't she on the manifest for any part of the trip, including the meeting with Gov. Brown?
- Why isn't she in any of the photos from the meeting currently available on the department's Flickr account?
- Were any photos of Lola at that meeting deleted from the Flickr account?

NORWAY + ALASKA

- We know from Politico and U.S. News that Ms Zinke was on the trip with the secretary to Norway and Alaska. Why isn't she listed on the manifests for any of the air travel related to those trips.
- Why isn't she listed on the manifest at all, except for the cookout at Denali National Park on 5/28?
- Was the cookout the only event she attended?

Thanks,
Anthony

On Tue, Oct 3, 2017 at 10:22 AM, Anthony Smith <asmith@mic.com> wrote:

Hi Heather and Team,
Just following up here. Thanks for clarifying yesterday that Lola Zinke wasn't on any of the flights with Secretary Zinke.

Still would like to know:

- How Lola got to Montana for the 3/10/17 tribal blessing
- Who paid for her travel
- How Lola got to California for 4/13/17 meeting with Gov. Brown
- Who paid for her travel
- Why she isn't on the manifest for any part of the California trip, including the meeting with Gov. Brown

thanks!

- Anthony

On Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 5:46 PM, Anthony Smith <asmith@mic.com> wrote:

My mistake on the name of the nation.

I'm not suggesting wrongdoing at all, just following up on a tip.
So if Lola Zinke wasn't on any of the flights with the secretary, how did she travel to Montana and California to show up at those meetings? And why isn't she listed on Interior's manifest for the meeting with Gov Brown in California?

Thanks,

Tony

On Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 5:38 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I believe you mean the Blackfeet Nation.

She was on no flights with the Secretary.

Are you suggesting there is some wrongdoing here?

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Oct 2, 2017, at 5:33 PM, Anthony Smith <asmith@mic.com> wrote:

Hi Heather and DOI press team,

Hope you're having a good Monday afternoon. My name is Tony Smith, and I'm senior reporter for Mic. I'm writing a story on Secretary Zinke's travel, and I had a few questions.

1. I know from Interior's travel manifest that the secretary's wife, Lola, and their son, Wolfgang, showed up to the tribal blessing with the Blackstone Nation on Friday, Mar. 10 2017. However, neither Lola nor Wolfgang are listed on the flight manifest to Montana.

- How did Lola and Wolfgang travel there — on the March 9th flight (United 1532) with Secretary Zinke, or on another flight? When did they fly back to D.C.? Who paid for it?

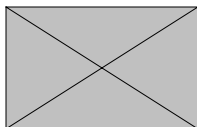
2. I know from DOI's social media that Lola attended a trip to California with the secretary on April 13, 2017. However, she isn't listed on any part of Interior's manifest for that trip: neither for the meeting itself, nor the travel manifest.

- How did Lola travel to California — on the April 12th flight (United 291) with Secretary Zinke, or on another flight? When did she fly back to D.C.? Who paid for it?

Thank you so much for taking these questions. I'm on a tight deadline, and do need to publish this story in an hour. I appreciate your timely response.

- Tony

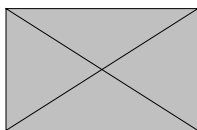
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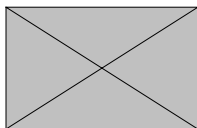
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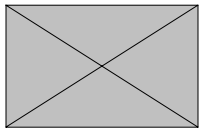
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To: Hinson, Alex[alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-10-05T10:48:13-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Secretary Zinke visit RSVP
Received: 2017-10-05T10:48:21-04:00

Check text

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Oct 5, 2017, at 10:36 AM, Hinson, Alex <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Yes, Eric. The event details are still being finalized for tomorrow. I will keep you updated when the information is available.
Best,

On Thu, Oct 5, 2017 at 10:33 AM, Staats, Eric <Eric.Staats@naplesnews.com> wrote:

I haven't received any details about Secretary Zinke's trip to Big Cypress. I wanted to make sure you got my RSVP. Thanks.
One change: Luke Franke will not be the photographer. It will be either Katie Klann or Dorothy Edwards, depending on the details.

From: Staats, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 2:41 PM
To: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Secretary Zinke visit RSVP

Alex,

Here are the names of a reporter (myself) and photographer who will be attending Friday's stop at Big Cypress.

Eric Staats

239-253-8926

emstaats@naplesnews.com

Luke Franke

502-612-0013

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Alex Hinson

Deputy Press Secretary
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From: 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
Sent: 2017-10-05T14:28:58-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: CNN
Received: 2017-10-05T14:29:17-04:00

Heather,

In addition to the request for information below CNN is looking for justification for why Zinke's wife accompanied him on the following trips : Las Vegas, Greenland and Alaska?

Did she reimburse the government for these flights?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2017, at 9:44 AM, Marsh, Rene <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com> wrote:

Ok . Can you provide a sense of when you'll have the info?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2017, at 9:24 AM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Working on it. The person who handles the Secretary's travel is currently out of the office so it's taking a little longer than usual. Apologies for the delay.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Oct 5, 2017, at 9:11 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Heather good morning,

Circling back on this request again this morning. Hoping to get something from you today.

Thank you,
Rene Marsh

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2017, at 1:02 PM, Marsh, Rene <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com> wrote:

Good afternoon Heather,

Do you have a sense of timing for when we can expect a response to
the below inquiry ?

Thank you
Rene Marsh
CNN

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 3, 2017, at 7:08 PM, Heather Swift
<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi Rene. Checking into this for
you.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Oct 3, 2017, at 4:32 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov>
wrote:

Hi Heather,

CNN has additional
questions on the
Secretary's travel.

What was the
purpose of his
speech to the Vegas
Golden Knights
Hockey team in

June?
Who invited Zinke to
give the speech to
the team?
Who owned the
plane that Zinke flew
on from Vegas to
Montana?
Who else was on
board the plane
from Vegas to
Montana?
Zinke's schedule
shows on 4/28 he
traveled from DC to
Atlanta. How did he
travel? Commercial?
Government plane?
Private?
On June 22 how did
Zinke travel to his
meeting in West
Virginia? Did he use
a Park Police
Chopper? What is
the cost estimate for
use of the chopper?
On July 7 why did the
Secretary travel
using a USPP
helicopter? What
was the cost
associated with the
use of the
helicopter?
Can you tell us about
the flight on July
20th. Was that a
commercial flight? If
so please share the
flight details?

Thank you,
— René Marsh
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From: "Swift,
Heather"
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Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 2:49 PM

To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>

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Subject: Re: CNN

The \$12k is for
Nevada.
The \$3k is for the
flights between
the islands.

**Also, for your
reference,
Secretary Jewell
also took a
number of
charter aircraft,
including but
not limited to
the following:**

- 1/14/16
\$9,800
roundtrip
between

Albuquerque,
NM -->
Farmington,
NM

- 5/3/16
\$13,605
Helena, MT --
> Browning,
MT (this is
about a
three hour
drive)
Browning,
MT --> Palm
Springs

- 8/24/16
\$20,383
Bakersfield,
CA -->
Kalispell, MT --
> Livingston,
MT

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were also at
least two
military
aircraft
flights on
9/5/13
between
Honolulu
and the
Marshall
Islands, and
5/13/14 DC
to St. Louis.

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On Fri, Sep 29,
2017 at 2:43 PM,
'Marsh, Rene' via
Interior Press
<interior_press@io
s.doi.gov> wrote:
Hi there,

I am getting a bit
confused .
Can you send the
breakdown of
flights and costs so I
am clear on what
cost what?

I see \$ 3,150 ---
that's the flight
from where to
where
The \$12375- that's
round trip between
st. croix and st.
Thomas

We are on deadline
. also looking to
confirm the charter
company used. I
see youre quoted as
confirming that but
if reports as you
point out have been
inaccurate I need to
get it confirmed
with you myself.

— René Marsh

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From: "Swift,
Heather"
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Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 2:18 PM

To: "Marsh,
Rene"
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Subject: Re: CNN

3/31/17 USVI flights
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On Fri, Sep 29,

2017 at 1:36 PM,
Heather Swift
<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

The flight
between two
islands in the US
VI. Yes that cost
is correct. We
have not yet been
billed on the
military air asset
to the wildfire.

Heather Swift

Press Secretary
Department of
the Interior

On Sep 29, 2017,
at 1:21 PM,
'Marsh, Rene' via
Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov>
wrote:

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e:

We are looking for the cost of the flights? I don't see that below. B = y the way who did you provide this info to earlier ?

— René Marsh
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From: Heather Swift

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Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 1:12 PM

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Subject: Re: CNN

The below information was supplied to your colleague earlier.

On the record

As is consistent with the travel of previous Interior secretaries, the Secretary traveled on charter flights when there were no commercial options available. All travel is pre-approved by the ethics office and the travel lawyers in the Division of General Law (statement from them below) before booking, and the charter flights went through an additional level of due

diligence.

Taxpayers absolutely have a right to know how much official government travel costs. It's common sense. At the Department we make those documents available to the public. Using tax dollars wisely and ethically is a big responsibility and is at the heart of good government.

Unfortunately there are some times when Interior has to utilize charter services because we often travel to areas that don't have a lot of flight options.

Standard operating procedure is that the Secretary and staff fly on a commercial,

government, coach fare whenever possible.

"The Scheduling Office meets regularly with the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law to ensure that all travel is thoroughly reviewed and approved in advance and that it is fully compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Consistent with this process, the trip was reviewed and approved in advance by both the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law.

In short, the trip - including the Secretary's address to the hockey developmental squad - was completely compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations." --Joint Statement from Melinda Loftin (Department of the Interior Designated Agency Ethics Official and Director of the Departmental Ethics

Office) and Edward Keable (Deputy Solicitor - General Law). Both are career members of the Senior Executive Service.

On background

Regarding the ownership of the plane: the Secretary has never met or spoken to Mr Neilson and that the charter plane company is a vendor of the federal government. It was selected by career officials a thousand miles away in Boise or Atlanta after cost analysis. Furthermore, that company had years of federal contracts before the Secretary was even sworn into office.

The WP piece was false through omission where it said commercial flights are available between LAS and FCA. In fact there are exactly 0 commercial flights leaving after 8PM that would have got the Secretary to FCA in time for an 8:30AM meeting.

The WP was wrong when said there were multiple political events, there were not. He attended single political event for Senator Daines in Big Sky when he was already scheduled to be in the area and it was no cost to the Department.

The WP piece is false through omission on the Yellowstone aspect by making it sound like the itinerary was light. In fact, the itinerary in Yellowstone was robust. Yellowstone has a serious sexual harassment situation? The Secretary traveled there to meet with the superintendent and the staff about it. The park is also in hot negotiations with tribes on a number of fronts that needed the secretary's time. All of these things were also part of the secretary's trip in addition to meeting the employees he oversees.

On the point of the UNITED STATES Virgin Islands.

Again another lie through omission and leading readers to believe he is at a foreign "Caribbean" islands rather than an American territory that is overseen by the Department. That itinerary included several hours of official government events and ceremonies as well as meeting with American military veterans from the territory and a visit to a National Park that is under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Lastly- The politico piece did not accurately describe the Montana portion of the trip. The Secretary's itinerary began with meetings at 8:30 AM then included a keynote speech to the Western Governor's Association (which is led by Montana's Democratic governor), a press conference, a working lunch with governors, and other engagements.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories) Also attending the ceremonies were the Danish Prime Minister and Governor Mapp as well as several other high ranking government officials.
Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix
Reason: No commercial flight were available for the itinerary of official government events.
Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland with additional stops in Alaska
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL.
The Committee organized

and utilized a charter in northern Alaska.

Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

Payment: the Secretary and the staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.

The Secretary had events and speaking engagements in the evening in Nevada and in the morning in Montana.

Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and necessary staff to the morning Montana events on time. The Secretary's speech ended at 7:45PM and he had a meeting at 8:30 the following morning. The charter landed at 1:30AM.

The secretary had multiple events at the Western Governors Association

Payment: the Secretary and

staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

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Good afternoon Heather,

CNN is circling back on this request.

Thank you,
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Subject: Re: CNN

Good Morning Heather,

CNN is looking to confirm the costs of all
of the charters you outlined below.

We are also looking to confirm the name of the charter company that provided the flights for the Secretary's official travel. Besides these charter flights you noted below has the Secretary also used military/government planes? If so can you outline dates, times, places, justification?

Many thanks,
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Thank you Heather

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I don't have that information
immediately available. Will put a
request in.

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Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:09 PM,
'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Thank you Heather.

What type of aircraft were these private
planes? What was the cost for these trips
that came out of the DOI budget?

Thank you
— René Marsh
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From: "Swift, Heather"
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Subject: Re: CNN

Rene - also want to add on the
Alaska portion that was part of the
CODEL arranged by Senate ENR.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 12:17 PM,
Swift, Heather
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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:56 AM,
'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Thanks Heather.

What type of planes were these charter
flights? Can you please check and confirm?
We are also looking to get a better
understanding about why commercial
flights were listed as not an option for the
5/17 trip?

There was no commercial flight
available for the route/schedule.

Getting around in the Arctic Circle is not like catching a flight out of Washington, D.C.

For the 6/26 trip what were the times of his commitment?

What time were the events scheduled for in Nevada? What time was the speaking engagement scheduled for the next morning in Montana?

The event ended around 8:00PM in NV. He arrived in MT around 2:00AM and the Secretary had meetings with governors and public lands advocates the following morning beginning at 8:45AM. The Western Governors Association - led by a Democratic governor - invited the Secretary to speak.

Is it safe to assume the secretary flew commercial from Washington D.C. to places like Vegas, Alaska and St. Croix before boarding the private flights in those places?

Yes - the Secretary flew to Nevada and the USVI on a commercial, coach, government fare. He got to Alaska by way of the CODEL which was arranged by the Senate. He left Alaska on a commercial, coach, government fare.

Thank you,
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From: "Swift, Heather"

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I sent this to Hannah Lang.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

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Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary
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DOI has jurisdiction over territories)

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Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas -->
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Reason: No commercial flight were
available

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were paid out of the DOI budget.

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and
Greenland with additional stops in
Alaska

Senate Energy and Natural Resources
Committee organized the Arctic
CODEL. The Committee organized and
utilized a

charter.

Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine,
AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not
an option

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets

were paid out of the DOI budget.

6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.

The Secretary had two speaking engagements, in the evening in Nevada and in the morning in Montana.

Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and necessary staff to the event on time.

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The Secretary took a military jet once with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Purdue after he was invited by USDA to attend a briefing at a wildfire camp in Montana. The fire was one of the most high-priority in the country and a firefighter had died battling the blaze earlier in the summer. (The two departments co-manage wildfire fighting efforts for the federal government.)

The Secretary also travels military jet when he travels with POTUS or VPOTUS. There have been three such trips to Cincinnati, West Virginia, and Atlanta.

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Heather Swift

Department of the Interior

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Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM,
'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Morning Heather,

I checked in with my colleagues and they say they never received a response on this topic from Interior. Could you please provide?

We are looking to find out has the Secretary chartered private planes for his travels while in office?

Government/military planes during his time in office? How many times? Was commercial considered as the first option? Justification for flying private?

Thank you,
Rene Marsh
CNN

On 9/22/17, 12:53 PM, "Heather Swift" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

We do it here too.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

> On Sep 22, 2017, at 11:44 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> Apologies. That's annoying on our part. Sorry we are doubling up. Will check with them and circle back if there are any outstanding questions.

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> — René Marsh

> CNN

> Correspondent

> Twitter: @Rene_MarshCNN

> Office: 202- 777-7249

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> On 9/22/17, 12:43 PM, "Heather Swift" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> Rene can you please coordinate with your colleagues? I've received

> this inquiry from several people at CNN.

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> Heather Swift

> Press Secretary

> Department of the Interior

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>> Hello,

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>> CNN is looking to get information on Zinke's travel information. When he travels by plane does he always fly commercial? Private?

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>> Thank you,

>> Rene Marsh

>> CNN

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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To: Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Hinson, Alex
Sent: 2017-10-05T14:56:17-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Reuters query on POLITICO story: "Interior secretary draws flak for mixing politics, official travel"
Received: 2017-10-05T14:56:20-04:00

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From: <SHeavey@thomsonreuters.com>
Date: Thu, Oct 5, 2017 at 7:27 AM
Subject: Reuters query on POLITICO story: "Interior secretary draws flak for mixing politics, official travel"
To: Heather_Swift@ios.doi.gov, Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov
Cc: valerie.volcovici@thomsonreuters.com

Dear Heather et al:

Reuters is seeking reaction to the Politico report this morning regarding the secretary's March travel as reported by Politico (below) as well as this week's letter from 26 House lawmakers (also below). Does the department or the secretary have any comment?

Many thanks in advance, and CC'ing our reporter on the issue here.

Susan Heavey

Correspondent

Reuters News, Washington Bureau

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Twitter: [@susanheavey](https://twitter.com/susanheavey)

Thomson Reuters

<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/10/05/zinke-fundraiser-official-travel-interior-243470>

-----Original Message-----

October 3, 2017

Press Release

For immediate release

Contact: David Perera
(202) 770-7899
dave.perera@mail.house.gov

REP. BARRAGÁN LEADS DEMOCRATS DEMANDING ANSWERS ABOUT SEC.
ZINKE'S HIGH-END TRAVEL

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán (D-San Pedro), Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA) and 26 members of Congress sent a letter to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke requesting answers about several flights he took at the expense of American taxpayers. The letter is in response to *The Washington Post* story released last week that revealed Secretary Zinke chartered a \$12,000 flight on a plane owned by oil and gas executives

In the letter, the members request that the secretary immediately disclose information on all chartered flights taken by him. That should include the costs associated with each flight, the owners of each plane used, who was on each flight, and documentation of the approvals for all flights.

Those signing the letter include a majority of the House Natural Resources Committee Democrats, which has jurisdiction over the Department of the Interior (DOI).

“Secretary Zinke owes Congress and the America people answers,” **said Rep. Barragán.** “What’s been alleged is a gross misuse of taxpayer money, and it calls into question the secretary’s ability to regulate an industry that he is obviously very cozy with.”

“As a member of the Natural Resources Committee, which oversees the Interior Department, I applaud the investigation launched yesterday by the DOI’s inspector general. Still, it is important for Congress to exercise its oversight responsibility,” **Rep. Barragán added.**

“Amid confirmed reports of multiple cabinet officials billing the taxpayers for luxurious travel accommodations, the Trump administration owes the country a full accounting of the expenses incurred on non-commercial flights,” said **Rep. Beyer.** “It is the height of hypocrisy that senior officials in the administration show such disregard for the trust placed in them even as they insult the integrity of rank-and-file civil servants and recommend extreme budget cuts to agencies responsible for protecting the public health.”

House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member Raúl M. Grijalva said, “Secretary Zinke, and everyone working for the Trump administration, need to remember that their job is to enrich the lives of the people they serve, not to enrich themselves. This scamming of hardworking taxpayers needs to stop and there should be repercussions for these abuses of power.”

Read the full letter [here](#) and below.

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Nanette Diaz Barragán is proud to represent California’s 44th Congressional District, which includes the communities of Carson, Compton, Lynwood, North Long Beach, Rancho Dominguez, San Pedro, South Gate, Walnut Park, Watts, Willowbrook and Wilmington.

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Alex Hinson

Deputy Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

To: Bruce Ritchie[britchie@politico.com]
Cc: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov[Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-10-05T19:37:51-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: **Media Alert** Secretary Zinke set to Visit Florida
Received: 2017-10-05T19:38:20-04:00

Today Secretary Zinke received a briefing on Everglades Restoration at Lake Okeechobee's Herbert Hoover Dike near Canal Point, Florida. The Secretary met with US Army Corps of Engineers Colonel Jason Kirk who gave him an overview of the construction at the site.

The Secretary expressed his commitment to restoring the Everglades and noted how the ecosystem's health is paramount to the health of Florida's economy.

In addition to jurisdiction over listed species via the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Interior also has a stake in the Restoration because of the many National Wildlife Refuges, National Parks, and National Preserve that makeup the region.

Multiple hungry alligators lurked nearby.





Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Oct 5, 2017, at 5:32 PM, Bruce Ritchie <britchie@politico.com> wrote:

Heather, can you help me with this? I'm in Pittsburgh at the Society of Environmental Journalists and the notice yesterday wound up in my spam folder in an alternate email address. (excuses excuses)

Thanks!

Bruce Ritchie

POLITICO Florida

britchie@politico.com

Twitter @bruceritchie

From: Bruce Ritchie
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 5:03:54 PM
To: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: **Media Alert** Secretary Zinke set to Visit Florida

Can I get more information on the visits? I will not be able to attend however I need to be able to share a few details with readers and all details with coworkers.

Thanks.

Bruce Ritchie

POLITICO Florida

britchie@politico.com

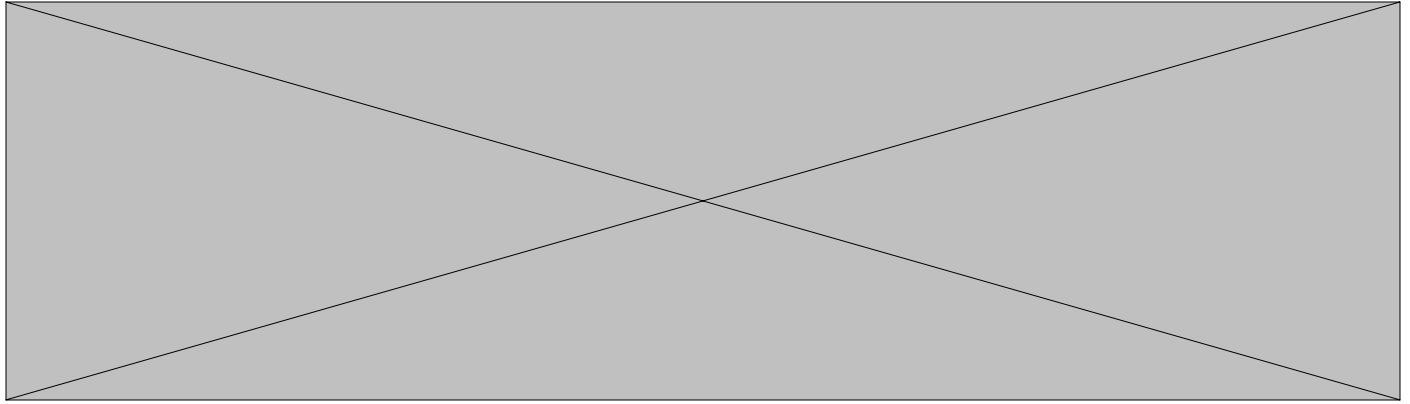
Twitter @bruceritchie

850-566-4518 cell

From: Bruce Ritchie <brucebritchie@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 5:02:04 PM
To: Bruce Ritchie
Subject: Fwd: **Media Alert** Secretary Zinke set to Visit Florida

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From: **U.S. Department of the Interior** <interior_news@updates.interior.gov>
Date: Wed, Oct 4, 2017 at 9:41 AM
Subject: **Media Alert** Secretary Zinke set to Visit Florida
To: brucebritchie@gmail.com



Date: October 4, 2017

Contact: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

Secretary Zinke set to Visit Florida

WASHINGTON - Thursday, October 5, 2017, through Saturday, October 7, 2017, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke will travel to Florida to conduct on-the-ground assessments of hurricane damage at National Park Service locations and to receive a briefing on Everglades Restoration. The Secretary was invited to the Everglades earlier this year by U.S. Senator Marco Rubio and several other members of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

All members of the news media wishing to attend open press opportunities must RSVP to Alex Hinson at interior_press@ios.doi.gov with the name, day-of phone number, and email address of every member of the reporting team. More information will be made available with the confirmation of RSVP.

Thursday, October 5, 2017

WHO: U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke

WHAT: Briefing on infrastructure upgrades and Everglades restoration at Lake Okeechobee

WHEN: Thursday, October 5, 2017

WHERE: Please RSVP for more information

Friday, October 6, 2017

WHO: U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke

WHAT: Hurricane damage assessment and clean-up project at Big Cypress National Preserve

WHEN: Friday, October 6, 2017

WHERE: Please RSVP for more information

Saturday, October 7, 2017

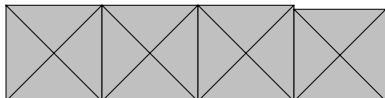
WHO: U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke
Senator Marco Rubio
Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation

WHAT: Press Availability at Everglades National Park

WHEN: Saturday, October 7, 2017

WHERE: Please RSVP for more information

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To: Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Swift Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Perez-Cubas, Olivia (Rubio)
Sent: 2017-10-06T09:31:07-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: Rubio -- October 7 Everglades
Received: 2017-10-06T09:31:15-04:00

Thanks Caroline.

Hi Heather – wanted to touch base about tomorrow and what your press plan is. We'd also like to send out an advisory today. Let us know, thanks!

From: Caroline Boulton [mailto:caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Perez-Cubas, Olivia (Rubio) <Olivia_Perez-Cubas@rubio.senate.gov>
Cc: Swift Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: Re: Rubio -- October 7 Everglades

Hi Olivia,

Looping in Heather, our press secretary.

Caroline

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 5, 2017, at 4:45 PM, Perez-Cubas, Olivia (Rubio) <Olivia_Perez-Cubas@rubio.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi Caroline – Olivia here with Senator Rubio's office. Jessica passed along your email. Wanted to touch base on Saturday, and get a better sense of your press plan/which events will be open.

We'd also like to advise the trip, once we get the green light from you all.

Just let me know when you get a chance.

Thanks!

Olivia Perez-Cubas | Communications Director
U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (FL)
202.224.3041 (office)
305.632.7587 (cell)

<Secretary Zinke South Florida October 2017 DRAFT Proposed Itinerary
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To: Hinson, Alex[alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov]; Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Perez-Cubas, Olivia (Rubio)
Sent: 2017-10-06T09:41:46-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: Rubio -- October 7 Everglades
Received: 2017-10-06T09:41:55-04:00

Great, thank you both.
Will hold until I hear from you

From: Hinson, Alex [mailto:alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 6, 2017 9:41 AM
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Cc: Perez-Cubas, Olivia (Rubio) <Olivia_Perez-Cubas@rubio.senate.gov>
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Yes, I will be sending it to you shortly!

On Fri, Oct 6, 2017 at 9:33 AM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Hello Olivia, we put out a press advisory and have some RSVPs. Alex, can you please forward to Olivia the advisory and confirmations?

Olivia, could you please hold on additional advising until I speak with Park team.

Heather Swift
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russell_newell@ios.doi.gov[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov];
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From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-10-06T16:14:37-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: hi Heather, couple of questions
Received: 2017-10-06T16:14:45-04:00

You good with this?

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On Background -

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From: "Rein, Lisa" <Lisa.Rein@washpost.com>
Date: October 5, 2017 at 6:16:15 PM EDT
To: 'Heather Swift' <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Subject: RE: hi Heather, couple of questions

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From: Heather Swift [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 05, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Rein, Lisa <Lisa.Rein@washpost.com>
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Heather Swift
Press Secretary
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Lisa Rein
Staff Reporter
Washington Post
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Cell 202-821-3120
@Reinlwapo
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To: Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Laura Rigas[Laura_Rigas@ios.doi.gov]; Caroline Boulton[caroline_boulton@ios.doi.gov]
From: Newell, Russell
Sent: 2017-10-06T16:23:26-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: hi Heather, couple of questions
Received: 2017-10-06T16:23:33-04:00

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Russell Newell
Deputy Director of Communications
U.S. Department of the Interior
(202) 208-6232
@Interior

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To: Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Russell Newell
Sent: 2017-10-07T14:23:48-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: CNN
Received: 2017-10-07T14:23:58-04:00

She sounds like one

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 7, 2017, at 7:34 AM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Rene is a fucking idiot.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Oct 6, 2017, at 8:31 PM, Russell Newell <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I was about to send this to Rene but I'll send to you instead and maybe it will make me feel better. Just had to get it off my chest. The double standard is nauseating.

Rene - I'm curious whether you ever asked these types of questions to Jewell or Salazar - about how they traveled and whether they took charters or spoke at political events or had spouses participate in any events with them. I don't recall the same level of concern about how they spent the taxpayer's dollars or the public's right to know about their travel. Have you ever bothered to learn about their travel to try to provide some context or do you care?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2017, at 5:18 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Heather,

We have repeatedly asked the press office for answers to the below questions and for 4 days now we have been told you are working on it and today we've received no response at all. We are asking questions that the public has every right to

know as these are their tax dollars and for Interior not answer any of the below questions is really hard to understand. Is the DOI issuing a no comment on all of the below questions?

Thank you,
— René Marsh
CNN
Correspondent
Twitter: @Rene_MarshCNN
Office: 202- 777-7249

From: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>

Date: Friday, October 6, 2017 at 1:46 PM

To: Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: "interior_press@ios.doi.gov" <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>,
"russell_newell@ios.doi.gov"
<russell_newell@ios.doi.gov>, "Levitt, Ross"
<Ross.Levitt@turner.com>, Gregory Wallace
<gregory.wallace@turner.com>

Subject: Re: CNN

Heather,

Circling back again. It's been a few days now.
Reupping the questions CNN has.

What was the purpose of his speech to the Vegas Golden Knights Hockey team in June?
Who invited Zinke to give the speech to the team?
Who owned the plane that Zinke flew on from Vegas to Montana?
Who else was on board the plane from Vegas to Montana?
Zinke's schedule shows on 4/28 he traveled from DC to Atlanta. How did he travel? Commercial? Government plane? Private?
On June 22 how did Zinke travel to his meeting in West Virginia? Did he use a Park Police Chopper? What is the cost estimate for use of the chopper?
On July 7 why did the Secretary travel

using a USPP helicopter? What was the cost associated with the use of the helicopter?

Can you tell us about the flight on July 20th. Was that a commercial flight? If so please share the flight details?

CNN is looking for justification for why Zinke's wife accompanied him on the following trips : Las Vegas, Greenland and Alaska?

When on these trips does Mrs. Zinke participate in official meetings with the Secretary?

Justification for Mrs. Zinke to have a desk there at Interior?

Did Mrs. Zinke reimburse the government for these flights? When? How much was reimbursed?

Thank you
Rene Marsh
CNN

Sent from my iPhone
On Oct 5, 2017, at 9:24 AM, Heather Swift
<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Working on it. The person who handles the Secretary's travel is currently out of the office so it's taking a little longer than usual. Apologies for the delay.

Heather Swift

Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Oct 5, 2017, at 9:11 AM, 'Marsh, Rene'
via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Heather good morning,

Circling back on this request again this morning. Hoping to get something from you today.

Thank you,
Rene Marsh

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 4, 2017, at 1:02 PM,
Marsh, Rene
<Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>
wrote:

Good afternoon
Heather,

Do you have a
sense of timing for
when we can
expect a response
to the below
inquiry ?

Thank you
Rene Marsh
CNN

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 3, 2017, at
7:08 PM, Heather
Swift
<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hi
Rene.
Checking into
this for
you.

Heather Swift

Press
Secretary
Department
of the
Interior

On Oct
3,
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at 4:32
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via
Interio
r Press
<[interi
or_pres
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To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>
Cc: "interior_press@ios.doi.gov"
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov>,
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Subject: Re: CNN

The \$12k is for Nevada.
The \$3k is for the flights between the islands.

Also, for your reference, Secretary Jewell also took a number of charter aircraft, including but not limited to the following:

- 1/14/16 \$9,800 roundtrip between Albuquerque, NM --> Farmington, NM
- 5/3/16 \$13,605 Helena, MT --> Browning, MT (this is about a three hour drive) Browning, MT --> Palm Springs
- 8/24/16 \$20,383 Bakersfield, CA --> Kalispell, MT --> Livingston, MT
- There were also at least two military aircraft flights on 9/5/13 between Honolulu and the Marshall Islands, and 5/13/14 DC to St. Louis.

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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 2:43 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Hi there,

I am getting a bit confused .
Can you send the breakdown of flights and costs
so I am clear on what cost what?

I see \$ 3,150 --- that's the flight from where to
where
The \$12375- that's round trip between st. croix
and st. Thomas

We are on deadline . also looking to confirm the
charter company used. I see youre quoted as
confirming that but if reports as you point out
have been inaccurate I need to get it confirmed
with you myself.

— René Marsh
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From: "Swift, Heather"
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Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 2:18 PM
To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>
Cc: "interior_press@ios.doi.gov"
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3/31/17 USVI flights were - \$3,150

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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 1:36 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
The flight between two islands in the US VI. Yes that cost is correct. We have not yet been billed on the military air asset to the wildfire.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:21 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

You are quoted as saying one of the flights costs 12,375. Which costs are you waiting on? Can you provide the costs you already have?

Thank you,
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Miranda Green

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:14 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press

<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

We are looking for the cost of the flights? I don't see that below. By the way who did you provide this info to earlier ?

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Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 1:12 PM
To: "Marsh, Rene"
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The below information was supplied to your colleague earlier.

On the record

As is consistent with the travel of previous Interior secretaries, the Secretary traveled on charter flights when there were no commercial options available. All travel is pre-approved by the ethics office and the travel lawyers in the Division of General Law (statement from them below) before booking, and the charter flights went through an additional level of due diligence.

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On background

Regarding the ownership of the plane: the Secretary has never met or spoken to Mr Neilson and that the charter

plane company is a vendor of the federal government. It was selected by career officials a thousand miles away in Boise or Atlanta after cost analysis.

Furthermore, that company had years of federal contracts before the Secretary was even sworn into office.

The WP piece was false through omission where it said commercial flights are available between LAS and FCA. In fact there are exactly 0 commercial flights leaving after 8PM that would have got the Secretary to FCA in time for an 8:30AM meeting.

The WP was wrong when said there were multiple political

events, there were not. He attended single political event for Senator Daines in Big Sky when he was already scheduled to be in the area and it was no cost to the Department.

The WP piece is false through omission on the Yellowstone aspect by making it sound like the itinerary was light. In fact, the itinerary in Yellowstone was robust. Yellowstone has a serious sexual harassment situation? The Secretary traveled there to meet with the superintendent and the staff about it. The park is also in hot negotiations with tribes on a number of fronts that needed the secretary's time. All of these things

were also part of the secretary's trip in addition to meeting the employees he oversees.

On the point of the UNITED STATES Virgin Islands. Again another lie through omission and leading readers to believe he is at a foreign "Caribbean" islands rather than an American territory that is overseen by the Department. That itinerary included several hours of official government events and ceremonies as well as meeting with American military veterans from the territory and a visit to a National Park that is under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Lastly- The politico

piece did not accurately describe the Montana portion of the trip. The Secretary's itinerary began with meetings at 8:30 AM then included a keynote speech to the Western Governor's Association (which is led by Montana's Democratic governor), a press conference, a working lunch with governors, and other engagements.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over

territories) Also attending the ceremonies were the Danish Prime Minister and Governor Mapp as well as several other high ranking government officials. Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix Reason: No commercial flight were available for the itinerary of official government events. Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland with additional stops in Alaska Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL.

The Committee organized and utilized a charter in northern Alaska.

Flight Plan:

Deadhorse, AK -->

Alpine, AK -->

Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

Payment: the Secretary and the staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.

The Secretary had events and speaking engagements in the evening in Nevada and in the morning in Montana.

Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight

available to get the Secretary and necessary staff to the morning Montana events on time. The Secretary's speech ended at 7:45PM and he had a meeting at 8:30 the following morning. The charter landed at 1:30AM. The secretary had multiple events at the Western Governors Association
Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget

Heather Swift
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On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:09 PM,
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Good afternoon Heather,

CNN is circling back on this request.

Thank you,
— René Marsh
CNN

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Subject: Re: CNN

Good Morning Heather,

CNN is looking to confirm the costs of all of the charters you outlined below. We are also looking to confirm the name of the charter company that provided the flights for the Secretary's official travel. Besides these charter flights you noted below has the Secretary also used military/government planes? If so can you outline

dates, times, places,
justification?

Many thanks,
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Thank you Heather

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Date: Thursday,
September 28, 2017 at
2:13 PM

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Subject: Re: CNN

I don't have that
information immediately
available. Will put a
request in.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at
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v> wrote:
Thank you Heather.

What type of aircraft were these private planes? What was the cost for these trips that came out of the DOI budget?

Thank you

— René Marsh

CNN

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From: "Swift, Heather"

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Date: Thursday,

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To: "Marsh, Rene"

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Subject: Re: CNN

Rene - also want to add on the Alaska portion that was part of the CODEL arranged by Senate ENR.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at
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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at
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v> wrote:
Thanks Heather.

What type of planes were
these charter flights? Can
you please check and
confirm?

We are also looking to get a
better understanding about
why commercial flights were
listed as not an option for
the 5/17 trip?

There was no
commercial flight
available for the
route/schedule. Getting
around in the Arctic
Circle is not like catching
a flight out of

Washington, D.C.

For the 6/26 trip what were the times of his commitment?

What time were the events scheduled for in Nevada?

What time was the speaking engagement scheduled for the next morning in Montana?

The event ended around 8:00PM in NV. He arrived in MT around 2:00AM and the Secretary had meetings with governors and public lands advocates the following morning beginning at 8:45AM. The Western Governors Association - led by a Democratic governor - invited the Secretary to speak.

Is it safe to assume the secretary flew commercial from Washington D.C. to places like Vegas, Alaska and St. Croix before boarding the private flights in those places?

Yes - the Secretary flew to Nevada and the USVI on a commercial, coach, government fare. He got to Alaska by way of the CODEL which was arranged by the Senate. He left Alaska on a commercial, coach, government fare.

Thank you,
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I sent this to Hannah
Lang.

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turning over the Virgin
Islands to the United
States. DOI has
jurisdiction over
territories)
Also attending the
ceremonies were the

Danish Prime Minister
and Governor Mapp.
Flight Plan: St Croix --> St
Thomas --> St Croix
Reason: No commercial
flight were available
Payment: the Secretary and
staff tickets were paid out
of the DOI budget.

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway
and Greenland with
additional stops in Alaska
Senate Energy and Natural
Resources Committee
organized the Arctic
CODEL. The Committee
organized and utilized a

charter.

Flight Plan: Deadhorse,
AK --> Alpine, AK -->
Fairbanks
Reason: Commercial
flights were not an option
Payment: the Secretary and
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of the DOI budget.

6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell,
MT for the Western
Governors Association
annual meeting.
The Secretary had two
speaking engagements, in
the evening in Nevada and
in the morning in Montana.
Flight Plan: Las Vegas -->
Kalispell
Reason: No commercial
flight available to get the
Secretary and necessary
staff to the event on time.

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget

The Secretary took a military jet once with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Purdue after he was invited by USDA to attend a briefing at a wildfire camp in Montana. The fire was one of the most high-priority in the country and a firefighter had died battling the blaze earlier in the summer. (The two departments co-manage wildfire fighting efforts for the federal government.)

The Secretary also travels military jet when he travels with POTUS or VPOTUS. There have been three such trips to Cincinnati, West Virginia, and Atlanta.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Morning Heather,

I checked in with my colleagues and they say they never received a response on this topic from Interior. Could you please provide?

We are looking to find out has the Secretary chartered private planes for his travels while in office?

Government/military planes during his time in office? How many times? Was commercial considered as the first option? Justification for flying private?

Thank you,
Rene Marsh
CNN

On 9/22/17, 12:53 PM,
"Heather Swift"
<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

We do it here too.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the
Interior

> On Sep 22, 2017, at
11:44 AM, 'Marsh, Rene'
via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov>
> wrote:

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> Apologies. That's
annoying on our part.
Sorry we are doubling up.

Will check with them and circle back if there are any outstanding questions.

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> — René Marsh

> CNN

> Correspondent

> Twitter:

@Rene_MarshCNN

> Office: 202- 777-7249

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> On 9/22/17, 12:43

PM, "Heather Swift"

<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov

> wrote:

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> Rene can you please coordinate with your colleagues? I've received

> this inquiry from several people at CNN.

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> Heather Swift

> Press Secretary

> Department of the Interior

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>> On Sep 22, 2017, at 11:35 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov

> wrote:

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>> Hello,

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>> CNN is looking to get information on Zinke's travel information. When he travels by plane does he always fly commercial? Private ?

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>> Thank you,

>> Rene Marsh
>> CNN
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>> Sent from my
iPhone
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To: Laura Rigas[laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov]; Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Russell Newell
Sent: 2017-10-09T15:15:36-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: statement
Received: 2017-10-09T15:15:38-04:00

ON BACKGROUND:

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Newell[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]; Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Downey Magallanes
Sent: 2017-10-09T17:10:43-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Updated DRAFT statement and background
Received: 2017-10-09T17:11:04-04:00

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On Oct 9, 2017, at 5:06 PM, Micah Chambers <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 9, 2017, at 4:35 PM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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Thanks,

L

Laura Keehner Rigas
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From: Laura Rigas
Sent: 2017-10-09T17:12:54-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Updated DRAFT statement and background
Received: 2017-10-09T17:13:02-04:00

Fine with that addition on background. Also, Micah, have you been given a timeline on getting an electronic version or the 1 page summary with the different types of flights? Reporters keep asking. Thx,
L

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From: 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
Sent: 2017-10-11T10:31:24-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: CNN
Received: 2017-10-11T10:31:40-04:00

We have been given the list of days and events that have raised concerned on background. However we would like to get the Interior Department's response for balance in our piece.

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Who is the organization and what are their accusations?

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Good Morning Heather,

CNN is looking into trips made by Zinke that have been flagged by others outside of CNN
They say during the below trips the Secretary mixed political activities with official travel

- Attended Virgin Islands GOP fundraiser on 3/30
- Spoke at the RNC spring meeting on 5/11 in California
- Participated in events for Greg Gianforte on 5/12 and 5/13 in Montana
- Rep. Don Young reception on 5/30 in Alaska
- Spoke at Las Vegas event for major donor on 6/26

- Colorado GOP fundraiser on 7/21

They also raise concerns about what they consider to be frequent official travel to MT

- 3/9-3/12
- 3/16-3/19
- 5/5-5/7
- 5/12-5/13
- 6/27
- 8/24

CNN is looking for comment on both of these. Many thanks.

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By Jennifer Scholtes and Sarah Ferris | 10/11/2017 05:26 PM EDT

OFF TO THE FLOOR: House leaders seem confident they have the votes to easily pass a \$36 billion hurricane aid bill on Thursday — the largest installment of disaster assistance since Hurricane Sandy.

But, of course, nothing's easy in the world of supplemental appropriations bills. A politically diverse range of House Republicans are demanding various tweaks, including funding offsets, changes to the National Flood Insurance Program and higher overall aid levels for storm-stricken states, as we [explain for Pros](#) this afternoon.

Everybody's a critic: Republican Study Chairman [Mark Walker](#) (R-N.C.), who spoke up at this morning's closed-door conference meeting, sent a [letter](#) to fellow members today blasting the "ever-growing" bill that's now bigger than five subcommittee spending bills combined. And Heritage Action has [listed](#) this one as a "key vote," urging lawmakers to oppose the "bailout" of the National Flood Insurance Program.

Long-shot lobbying: In reality, though, the House bill probably won't be getting a face-lift before it hits the floor. And in a move that will further inflame some conservatives, we're told GOP leaders are still planning on a speedy suspension vote with no amendments.

Midnight oil: Appearing in wonk inboxes just before midnight Tuesday, the [measure](#) is almost exactly what the White House wanted, with an extra \$1 billion thrown in to help with Hurricane Nate and California wildfires, as Sarah [reported](#) after hours. FEMA would get \$18.7 billion, the National Flood Insurance Program would write off \$16 billion of its debt and the federal firefighting force would field \$576.5 million. The legislation even includes the Trump administration's [last-minute request](#) for a \$4.9 billion loan to help the Puerto Rican government pay its workers and bills.

GOOD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON! Reach out: jscholtes@politico.com (@jascholtes) and sferris@politico.com (@sarahnferris).

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Doc of the day — The Bipartisan Policy Center released a [report](#) today warning that

congressional inaction is "untenable" as financing shortfalls loom for both Social Security and Medicare. The figures come from a [July update](#) by the government's Trustees of the Social Security and Medicare but lacked policy recommendations because that board has no current appointees.

#DailyBudgetFact — Congress has approved 16 "emergency" supplemental appropriations bills since 2000, spanning from the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks to this year's deadly hurricanes, according to the [CBO](#). The largest single package: the U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act of 2007. That bill totaled \$120 billion, with the vast majority of that cash going to the Pentagon.

Quote du jour — Rep. [Tom Cole](#) (R-Okla.) on the prospects of Congress being forced to take up another stopgap spending bill after the Dec. 8 funding deadline: "I told my staff this morning, 'Let's all decide now what the potluck for Christmas is going to be.' I would not be surprised to be here. I would love to be wrong."

BUDGET

BLENDING 'EM: House conservatives have long dreaded the idea that they could be forced to simply swallow the Senate's budget — no ifs, ands or buts — if they truly want to see tax reform. But House Budget Chairman [Diane Black](#) (R-Tenn.) told Pro Tax's [Aaron Lorenzo](#) that she's still banking on a conference committee and hasn't heard differently from GOP leadership. And House Freedom Caucus Chairman [Mark Meadows](#) (R-N.C.) was similarly adamant about the joint talks.

Waiting it out: For the next two weeks, House and Senate lawmakers will be passing each other on the tarmac as they head in and out of D.C., which means that a conference can't realistically start until November. That's unfortunate for Black, who's anxious to return home to her Tennessee gubernatorial bid. (Still no word on when she'll decide to give up the gavel.)

EDUCATION

REVAMPING THE SCORING SYSTEM: Education Secretary Betsy DeVos laid out new goals today for distributing cash through discretionary grant programs, Caitlin Emma [reports](#). Unsurprisingly, the secretary wants the department to prioritize things like expanding school choice and promoting STEM and computer science. Want to weigh in? The department is [seeking comment](#) for the next 30 days on the 11 proposed priorities.

TAX

STAYING POWER: The leader of the Council of Economic Advisers says tax cuts need to be permanent to deliver the biggest economic boost — an aspiration that's made trickier by reconciliation, Colin Wilhelm [reports](#). Permanent or temporary, though, POTUS tweeted this morning that "massive" tax cuts will grow the U.S. economy by "leaps and bounds," Louis Nelson [notes](#).

More: [Rev it with repatriation](#) | [Defense budget should include 'context' of tax cuts](#) | [Johnson Amendment cheerleaders emerge](#)

AGRICULTURE

SODA TAX FIZZLES OUT: The headline-grabbing fight between Michael Bloomberg and the American Beverage Association is over in Illinois, and the soda lobby has emerged victorious. After just two months, a Cook County governing board voted overwhelmingly today to repeal the penny-per-ounce soda tax, as Helena Bottemiller Evich [reports](#). Advocates said the tax would bring in about \$200 million a year.

(MORE) DISASTER RELIEF

THE EVER-GROWING LIST: The White House on Tuesday declared its latest disaster zone across large swaths of California amid a scourge of deadly wildfires. By our count, it's President Donald Trump's third major disaster declaration in four days. That includes Gulf states hit by Hurricane Nate last weekend, as well as a retroactive response for flooding in parts of Idaho and Wisconsin earlier this year.

STAFFING UP: Puerto Rico's oversight board has hired Williams & Jensen to lobby the federal government for help amid its most devastating natural disaster in recent memory. Eight lobbyists will help the island push for maximum federal aid, including Medicaid funding, as well as other infrastructure and energy issues, POLITICO Influence [reports](#).

DON'T FORGET THE FARMS: Florida Gov. Rick Scott and the state's agriculture commissioner are on the Hill today making a final push to secure relief funding for their growers in this week's package. Agricultural damage is estimated at [\\$2.5 billion](#) so far, and Florida leaders are anxious about waiting out the winter without the extra cash, Jenny Hopkinson [reports](#).

OBAMACARE

SHRINKING REACH: Dozens of Obamacare sign-up groups say they'll likely be forced to roll back their efforts nationwide this fall after recent funding cuts. A survey by the Kaiser Family Foundation finds that a whopping 89 percent of groups plan to cut staff in the wake of the White House's nearly 50 percent cut this year, Rachana Pradhan [reports](#) today.

REWRITING THE RULES: The Trump administration is tapping into its regulatory power to weaken a key piece of Obamacare — the strict rules governing health insurance plans in each state. The White House is planning an executive order on Thursday that will allow coverage to be sold across state lines, a move that could allow the sales of more loosely regulated plans, as Adam Cancryn and Louis Nelson [report](#).

ADMINISTRATION

TRAVEL TROUBLES: Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is under heightened scrutiny for mixing political fundraisers into his official travel, including a weekend ski getaway that raised as much as \$3,000 per attendee. On another taxpayer-funded business trip, Zinke stopped by a fundraiser at an Alaskan steakhouse, Esther Whieldon and Ben Lefebvre [report](#). The former Montana congressman is already under investigation by the Office of Special Counsel for similar trips that strayed from official business.

EARMARKS

- Is Washington bungling the Census? [POLITICO](#).
- Diane Black, prepping gubernatorial bid, takes victory lap. [Roll Call](#).
- Bob Corker is just the beginning of Trump's tax-cut problems. [Bloomberg](#).
- Trump blames the national debt on foreign aid as he pushes a tax plan that would raise the deficit. [Washington Post](#).
- Highway funding impasse hits home in Milwaukee. [Governing](#).
- West Virginia gets OK to expand Medicaid drug treatment. [Associated Press](#).
- DHS official: Trump able to pick border wall design. [POLITICO Pro](#).

WE'RE COUNTING: 58 days until federal funding runs out and the National Flood Insurance Program expires (Dec. 8, 2017).

**** A message from Businesses Against the Ad Tax:** Small businesses across the country stand united against an ad tax. A new tax on advertising would cripple local businesses, kill jobs and slow economic growth nationwide.

Today, advertising is 100% tax deductible - just like the cost of rent and computers. Businesses depend on advertising to attract new customers, hire new employees and build their brands. But Congress is considering changing this to raise revenue from the pockets of small and medium businesses.

An ad tax would raise the cost of doing business, impact small and family-owned businesses, and hurt local communities. It's a short-sighted proposal that would only make the tax code more complex.

Visit BAAdTax.org to learn more. **

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<https://www.politicopro.com/tipsheets/budget-appropriations-brief/2017/10/chorus-of-complaints-unlikely-to-sink-aid-package-025006>

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Disaster aid bill set to zip through House minus flood insurance reform [Back](#)

By Jennifer Scholtes and Sarah Ferris | 10/11/2017 04:16 PM EDT

House GOP leaders are fielding multiple last-minute demands for tweaks to a \$36.5 billion disaster aid package headed for a vote Thursday.

But the bill likely is a done deal, thanks to support from Democrats and conservatives unwilling to buck politically sensitive relief for hurricane-battered states and Puerto Rico.

Although the legislation is scheduled to advance swiftly on the floor without amendments, Republican lawmakers nonetheless have come forward with a myriad of proposed changes to the proposal unveiled late Tuesday.

Besides ongoing concerns about offsetting the cost, some GOP legislators are calling on leaders to increase the overall aid infusion, while others are gunning for added reforms to keep the National Flood Insurance Program from continuing to fall further into debt.

Per the Trump administration's request, the bill would forgive \$16 billion of the flood insurance program's \$30 billion debt. And although there has been little opposition to that idea, some Republicans argue that the relief should be coupled with fundamental changes to help the program stay solvent and to deter construction in areas particularly vulnerable to flooding.

"You don't want to incentivize some of these people to move back into a high-risk area," Dave Brat (R-Va.) told reporters Wednesday. "We've got to make sure the taxpayer isn't continually stuck with bills out of thin air where we don't reform the incentives that are creating these disasters."

Some conservatives have blasted the \$16 billion provision in the bill as a "bailout" for flood insurers. The influential Heritage Action group released a statement Wednesday afternoon urging Republicans to block the bill because of spending on those flood programs, which it argues is "not truly 'emergency' in nature."

Appropriations Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-N.J.) has dismissed calls to add flood insurance language, arguing that the hurricane aid is "vital now" to provide instant relief to Puerto Rico, where most of the island remains without electrical power.

Besides, authorizing committees — not the spending panel — are responsible for advancing bills that change policy, the chairman contends.

"The Appropriations Committee is often criticized for authorizing on our bills," Frelinghuysen said Wednesday. "I think it's important for the authorizers to do their work. I don't think we need to do their work for them."

But GOP leaders have twice learned over the last month that flood insurance reforms are not easy to pass, regardless of their path.

The House initially failed under an expedited procedure to pass unrelated FAA legislation, H.R. 3823 (115), last month that was loaded down with flood insurance provisions. The flood language, seen as a nonstarter in the Senate, was then stripped out before that measure was sent to President Donald Trump late last month.

During a closed-door conference meeting Wednesday morning, Speaker Paul Ryan told Republicans there still isn't sufficient support to include some flood insurance overhauls in the current aid package, according to Tom Cole (R-Okla.).

"The real question is: Do you have the votes?" Cole said about the potential addition of flood insurance language. "And the speaker made that point — right now they don't have the votes for that."

Under the current procedural plan, House lawmakers won't even be able to offer amendments to the aid bill, which is expected to pass under suspension of the rules — a fast-track process that limits debate, skips the traditional amendment process and requires the support of two-thirds of those voting for passage.

Without changes, the legislation already appears to be a sure bet for passage, Cole predicted.

"First of all, I think they're going to get all the Democratic votes here," the Oklahoma Republican said, adding that there are "certainly significant concerns" about both the flood insurance program and funding that's not offset, meaning it will increase the deficit. "But I don't think it'll be a close vote."

Indeed, Democratic leaders have said their members will overwhelmingly support the bill. Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) released a statement Wednesday praising the package, which she said would deliver "urgently needed assistance" to the victims of multiple natural disasters.

The House passed an initial \$15 billion aid package (H.R. 601 (115)) last month in an overwhelming 316-90 vote, a day after the Senate passed the measure 80-17.

Since then, Republican Study Committee Chairman Mark Walker (R-N.C.) has been trying to rally Republicans to insist on funding offsets in any aid packages to come, arguing that the first installment was unique because "there were people's lives in the balance" and it "wasn't an overwhelming amount."

In a letter delivered Wednesday to fellow GOP lawmakers, Walker blasted House appropriators for including the White House's last-minute request to include an extra \$4.9 billion loan to Puerto Rico in the "ever-growing" aid package. He pointed out that the \$36 billion cost is larger than five Appropriations subcommittee spending bills combined.

But some of Congress' most fiscally conservative Republicans have been unwilling to join Walker's crusade. And even Freedom Caucus leader Mark Meadows (R-N.C.) has said demanding offsets in an emergency aid package is "not a sustainable position."

Countering concerns about the legislation's hefty price tag, lawmakers from hurricane-stricken states are also pleading with GOP leaders to increase the package's overall funding level, arguing that the multi-billion-dollar plan is actually insufficient to handle recovery needs.

"Obviously some would like to see more," Robert Aderholt (R-Ala.), an Appropriations Committee cardinal who oversees agriculture spending, told POLITICO on Wednesday. "But the administration wants to keep it to a bare minimum."

Aderholt said leaders are still tallying support for the package but are "holding tight" on the overall funding level right now, since additional aid installments are expected in the coming

months.

The bill is expected to be taken up by the Senate next week if passed by the House.

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House unveils \$36 billion hurricane aid package [Back](#)

By Sarah Ferris | 10/10/2017 11:15 PM EDT

The House Appropriations Committee tonight released a \$36.5 billion hurricane relief package that will be fast-tracked to the floor later this week.

The [bill](#) would replenish FEMA's disaster fund by \$18.7 billion, which would allow \$4.9 billion to go toward disaster loans intended to help shore up Puerto Rico's cash-strapped government.

It would also wipe out \$16 billion in National Flood Insurance Program debt.

The House package was made public just hours after the White House's latest funding revision, upping the request by [\\$4.9 billion](#).

The measure also would provide \$576.5 million for wildfire efforts.

The bill will be considered under suspension of the rules, according to a GOP appropriations aide — speeding up debate and prohibiting amendments.

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White House seeks \$4.9B to shore up Puerto Rico finances [Back](#)

By Sarah Ferris | 10/10/2017 08:38 PM EDT

The Trump administration on Tuesday sought an additional \$4.9 billion in emergency hurricane aid to stave off what Puerto Rico's governor recently warned could become a fiscal catastrophe.

The Office of Management and Budget sent a formal request to House leadership Tuesday afternoon, revising its most recent recovery package request to nearly \$35 billion.

The extra \$4.9 billion would "address the immediate liquidity issue that Puerto Rico is having," OMB spokesman John Czwartacki told POLITICO. It would allow the island government to make its payroll and fund pensions amid its worst natural disaster in decades.

The White House's request exceeds the \$4 billion request from Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló last week, though it would be delivered in the form of a loan, rather than a grant.

In his letter to the White House, Rosselló warned that Puerto Rico's government needed an immediate cash infusion.

"In addition to the immediate humanitarian crisis, Puerto Rico is on the brink of a massive liquidity crisis that will intensify in the immediate future," the governor wrote the White House.

The loan funds would likely be added to the storm recovery package that the House is expected to approve this week.

The House Appropriations Committee has received and is reviewing the request, a GOP aide confirmed.

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DeVos pitches new priorities for competitive grants [Back](#)

By Caitlin Emma | 10/11/2017 12:51 PM EDT

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos on Wednesday proposed new priorities for doling out funds through existing discretionary grant programs, including the expansion of school choice and the promotion of STEM and computer science.

It's a familiar move by an Education secretary to advance certain policy goals. For example, former Education Secretary John B. King Jr. put forward a priority to increase socioeconomic diversity in schools. As a result, school districts applying for federal grants would get points for proposing projects that tackled segregation or concentrated poverty.

DeVos' Education Department is seeking comment for the next 30 days on 11 new proposed priorities, according to a notice that's set to publish in Thursday's Federal Register.

STEM and computer science made the cut after the Trump administration last month told DeVos to spend at least \$200 million in existing grant funds per year on the promotion of high-quality STEM education and, in particular, computer science education.

DeVos laid out the new focal points for competitive grant programs in a new blog post today. They are titled:

- Empowering Families to Choose a High-Quality Education that Meets Their Child's Unique Needs.
- Promoting Innovation and Efficiency, Streamlining Education with an Increased Focus on Improving Student Outcomes, and Providing Increased Value to Students and Taxpayers.
- Fostering Flexible and Affordable Paths to Obtaining Knowledge and Skills.
- Fostering Knowledge and Promoting the Development of Skills that Prepare Students to be Informed, Thoughtful, and Productive Individuals and Citizens.
- Meeting the Unique Needs of Students And Children, including those with Disabilities and/or with Unique Gifts and Talents.

- Promoting Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Education, With a Particular Focus on Computer Science.
- Promoting Literacy.
- Promoting Effective Instruction in Classrooms and Schools.
- Promoting Economic Opportunity.
- Encouraging Improved School Climate and Safer and More Respectful Interactions in a Positive and Safe Educational Environment.
- Ensuring that Service Members, Veterans, and Their Families Have Access to High-Quality Educational Choices.

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Hassett says temporary tax cuts less effective [Back](#)

By Colin Wilhelm | 10/11/2017 12:32 PM EDT

Council of Economic Advisers Chairman Kevin Hassett said today that tax cuts will be most effective at boosting the economy if they're permanent.

Republicans are considering a combination of permanent and temporary tax changes to help get their tax overhaul plan through the Senate.

"If the tax goes down and then goes back up ... you get a much smaller effect in the near-term," Hassett said at an event hosted by The Hill.

Even if those changes expire 10 years out they will still have less impact than permanent tax changes, he added.

A tactic Republicans plan to use to avert a Democratic filibuster in the Senate requires that any changes that would boost the deficit beyond 10 years have to expire, and they have had trouble coming up with offsets that would cover most of the cost of tax reform.

After the administration outlined its tax principles in April, National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn said the administration preferred permanent tax reform, but added "we have to do what we have to do."

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Trump: U.S. economy will soar if Congress approves tax cuts [Back](#)

By Louis Nelson | 10/11/2017 07:04 AM EDT

The package of tax cuts and reforms backed by the White House will push the already soaring stock market to further heights, President Donald Trump wrote online Wednesday morning, pitching his proposal as fuel for an economy that has remained strong since his election last year.

"Stock Market has increased by 5.2 Trillion dollars since the election on November 8th, a 25% increase," the president wrote on Twitter on Wednesday. "Lowest unemployment in 16 years and if Congress gives us the massive tax cuts (and reform) I am asking for, those numbers will grow by leaps and bounds. #MAGA"

Without a major legislative achievement to hang his hat on, Trump and his backers have often pointed to the success of the stock market in his presidency's opening months as evidence that his policies, including proposed tax reform and the repeal of dozens of government regulations, have strengthened the economy. Trump has claimed credit for generally improving economic indicators even though many were already trending upward under the administration of his predecessor, Barack Obama.

Wednesday morning, Trump also lobbed insults at the news media and Democrats, accusing the former of ignoring the stock market's growth on his watch and the latter of desiring higher taxes and "crime-producing borders."

"It would be really nice if the Fake News Media would report the virtually unprecedented Stock Market growth since the election. Need tax cuts," Trump wrote online. "The Democrats want MASSIVE tax increases & soft, crime-producing borders. The Republicans want the biggest tax cut in history & the WALL!"

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Repatriation will boost average household finances by \$4,000, Trump to say [Back](#)

By Aaron Lorenzo | 10/11/2017 06:41 AM EDT

Getting U.S. companies to repatriate their foreign profits will lead to more money in average Americans' pockets, to the tune of some \$4,000, President Donald Trump will say later today.

A plan to tax income stockpiled overseas at a one-time reduced rate will generate the benefit, according to a senior administration official who previewed a speech Trump is scheduled to give in Harrisburg, Pa.

"We will eliminate the penalty on returning future earnings back to the United States," Trump will say, according to remarks prepared for delivery. "And we will impose a one-time low tax on money currently parked overseas so it can be brought back home to America — where it belongs."

The White House Council of Economic Advisers has estimated that this change, along with a lower rate, would likely give the typical U.S. household a \$4,000 pay raise, the administration official said. No specifics on how much lower the one-time tax would be from the 35 percent current rate were given, though.

Trump, whose speech is scheduled to begin at 5:45 p.m. at a hangar at the Harrisburg International Airport, will talk about how the various tax cut and simplification proposals in a

GOP tax reform package will benefit a large swath of the audience invited to hear Trump in person — truckers — namely through reducing the top rate on non-corporate pass-through businesses and eliminating estate taxes.

"When your trucks are moving, America is growing," Trump is supposed to say.

WHAT'S NEXT: GOP leaders in Congress and Trump aides are finalizing plans for tax overhaul legislation.

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Defense budget debate should include 'context' of tax cuts, Larsen says [Back](#)

By Connor O'Brien | 10/11/2017 12:45 PM EDT

The debate over increasing defense spending should be put in the context of tax cuts and other key spending proposals, Rep. [Rick Larsen](#) said today.

Larsen, a senior House Armed Services Democrat from Washington state, was speaking at a Brookings Institution forum alongside fellow HASC member, Nebraska Republican [Don Bacon](#). Both discussed the debate over lifting defense and domestic spending caps set by the Budget Control Act.

Larsen contended tax cuts that substantially increase the deficit would make major increases in defense spending above the caps unrealistic.

"Budgets don't happen in the context of themselves," he said. "They happen in the context of everything else that's going on and everything else we spend money on. And tax expenditures are part of that."

"So, a proposal to cut taxes \$1.5 trillion or \$5 trillion, whatever the number is, in the context of increasing domestic and defense spending ... turns congressional budgeting into a joke that we are actually telling and are the butt of," he added.

House budget provisions to fast-track tax reform, a key Republican priority, require the legislation to be deficit neutral. But the Senate budget blueprint would permit a tax overhaul to add as much as \$1.5 trillion to the deficit.

Bacon said he opposed holding up defense spending to extract domestic increases, but acknowledged only a bipartisan compromise would succeed.

Larsen predicted lawmakers would hammer out an omnibus spending deal before the continuing spending resolution runs out Dec. 8, but added "it won't be clean and it won't be nice."

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Leave Johnson Amendment alone, House Democrats say [Back](#)

By Aaron Lorenzo | 10/10/2017 02:31 PM EDT

House Democrats urged congressional leaders not to use tax reform legislation to reverse the politicking ban on tax-exempt religious and charitable groups, as well as foundations.

Known as the Johnson Amendment, it prohibits 501(c)(3) organizations from endorsing, opposing or contributing to political candidates. And it should stay in place, according to a letter sent to tax writers today by 92 House Democrats.

"Americans do not want our houses of worship, charitable nonprofits, and foundations to become points of leverage for partisan politics," said the letter, which was sent to Ways and Means Chairman [Kevin Brady](#) (R-Texas) and ranking member [Richard Neal](#) (D-Mass.).

Brady has long said he wants to get rid of the Johnson Amendment because he believes it restricts religious leaders' free speech, a common position with the GOP. He has said he wants to eliminate it as part of legislation to overhaul U.S. tax laws, which he and other Republican leaders are trying to shepherd through Congress this fall.

President Donald Trump has also been outspoken against it.

Those behind the letter, including 10 Ways and Means members, said the Johnson Amendment protects a longstanding separation between charitable giving and politics. It dates back to 1954.

In August, more than 4,000 faith leaders sent a letter to Congress in favor of keeping the Johnson Amendment in place, the lawmakers noted in their letter, which was also addressed to House Speaker [Paul Ryan](#) (R-Wis.) and Minority Leader [Nancy Pelosi](#) (D-Calif.).

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Cook County repeals its soda tax [Back](#)

By Helena Bottemiller Evich | 10/11/2017 02:23 PM EDT

The Cook County Board of Commissioners today voted overwhelmingly to repeal the penny-per-ounce soda tax the county has levied for only two months — a major win for the beverage industry and a blow to the public health advocates pushing for such sin taxes.

The 15-2 vote, which makes the repeal veto-proof, comes after an expensive and boisterous fight in the Chicago area, where Michael Bloomberg again went head to head with the American Beverage Association and its allies in the business community. Late last week, a number of key commissioners [flipped their position](#) on the tax, opening up a path to repeal.

"We see this as a momentum swing," said Lauren Kane, a spokeswoman for ABA. "People are just saying we want the government to find other ways to pay for their priorities rather than taxing working people."

The repeal, which is set to kick in Dec. 1, leaves the county needing to rethink how it fills a roughly \$200 million budget hole.

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Florida pushes Congress to include disaster relief for farmers [Back](#)

By Jenny Hopkinson | 10/11/2017 05:01 AM EDT

As Congress considers how much it should spend to rebuild Puerto Rico and the Gulf Coast after this year's catastrophic hurricanes, Florida officials want to make sure farmers in their state are part of the equation.

The state is eyeing a disaster relief package aimed at getting more money to Puerto Rico as a vehicle for funding for its growers. That legislation, state officials say, needs to earmark money and tell the USDA to get aid to specialty crops, horticulture, livestock and other farm-related sectors.

Groves, greenhouses, fields and cattle herds throughout the state have had millions of dollars in damage from Hurricane Irma, a Category 5 storm and one of the strongest to ever hit the state.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott and Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam will meet with the state's congressional delegation in Washington on Wednesday to update them on the relief effort, to push them to get the state's needs included in the package and to secure quick passage.

"If we are not in this round then all of that gets backed up weeks, if not months," Putnam said. "That means that assistance gets backed up into next year, which is just not helpful."

The state's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services has released preliminary estimates that more than \$2.5 billion in damage was caused as the storm.

Of that, citrus — Florida's signature crop that is heavily concentrated in the southwest corner of the state — is expected to be the hardest hit, with losses estimated to be upward of \$760 million.

About 421,00 acres of citrus groves were affected by hurricane or tropical storm force winds, that knocked ripe, ready-to-harvest fruit off trees. Some groves are expected to be a total loss after their roots have been sitting in flooded fields for weeks. Replacing them will be expensive, and new trees need a few years before they start producing fruit.

Estimates are still early but 30 percent to 70 percent of the 2017 crop is expected to be lost, Lisa Lochridge, a spokeswoman for the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, said. That compounds the problem for an industry that has already been weakened in recent years by citrus greening disease, which has wiped out more than half of the state's production.

"These losses have just been disastrous," Lochridge said. "It just remains to be seen to what degree the industry can rebound."

Other significant agriculture economies were also affected. Florida's beef herds are expected to take a \$237 million hit, while dairies had \$11.8 million in damage. Sugarcane growers, which supply almost a quarter of the U.S.'s sugar, had \$382 million in losses.

Fruits and vegetables excluding citrus suffered more than \$180 million in losses. While many of the state's produce crops had yet to be planted, the storm destroyed irrigation systems and in-field preparations, costing farmers time and money to replace. The greenhouse and nursery sector is expecting \$625 million in crops were affected.

Some — especially the harm to field crops — will be covered by crop insurance. However, fruit and vegetable growers and nursery and flower growers often don't buy insurance because of the high premiums. Those crops aren't planted on enough acres by enough farmers to create affordable insurance options.

Even for those farmers who have it, crop insurance often falls short, said Louisiana Agriculture Commissioner Mike Strain. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry is still assessing the damage from Hurricane Harvey, through Strain said it was likely to be less than \$50 million.

In the few parishes that took the brunt of the storm, hay, sugarcane and soybeans were most affected. Although many farmers of those crops have insurance, it doesn't cover the whole value of the crop, Strain said.

"The farm bill is totally inadequate to deal with disasters of that nature, so each time it happens each state has to go to Washington" and ask for the help it needs, Strain said.

To be sure, the USDA has already eased up on rules and set aside money available to help Gulf Coast farmers and residents rebuild after this year's hurricanes. It has made loans and other disaster relief programs available to farmers in affected areas and allowed for flexibility to give them more time to file for help and declare losses. The department has eased food stamp rules to help families in Florida, Texas and the Virgin Islands purchase food after the storms.

Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue has also visited Florida and Texas to view the damage from the storms. But there is only so much USDA can do without permission, and more money, from Congress.

Meanwhile, the White House requested \$29 billion from Congress last week for disaster relief funding for rebuilding after hurricanes Irma, Maria and Harvey and the wildfires in this summer in the West. Lawmakers are now working with that package and could have legislation ready shortly.

In a letter to House and Senate Appropriations committee leaders on Friday, Florida's delegation detailed a variety of ways that the disaster relief package can help farmers. It included:

- Increasing borrowing limits for the Commodity Credit Corporation — an arm of USDA charged with stabilizing farmers' income and crop prices — to ensure that money for tree and livestock replacement is available to farmers
- Granting the USDA secretary authority to use CCC funds and other money to help citrus, specialty crops, nursery systems and other crops for which "traditional disaster programs and

authorities prove woefully inadequate"

— Including tax relief for citrus farmers

— Giving more money for the Emergency Conservation Program, the Emergency Watershed Protection Program, Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-raised Fish, in addition to home rental and food assistance programs.

The delegation and Florida officials also want the appropriations bill to include instructions to USDA that will allow more flexibility for the department to issue payouts.

"It will take an act of Congress to unlock the funds and allow USDA to quickly design a program that gets help out the door and in a responsible way," Putnam said.

In an [Oct. 4 letter](#) to Perdue, 10 of the state's congressmen asked that USDA make similar requests to Capitol Hill.

There is precedent for Congress to give USDA more money and authority to help growers after natural disasters. In 2004, a \$13 billion hurricane relief package signed by then-President George W. Bush included more than \$222 million for Florida's forests and farmland restoration. That year, Florida was hit by four hurricanes in a two-month period.

Lawmakers gave the state more help the following year as it worked to recover from Hurricane Wilma.

"There are models out there but USDA needs to have the additional appropriations and the authority to administer such a program and do it quickly," Putnam added. "Timing is of the essence."

Sabrina Rodriguez contributed to this report.

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Survey: Obamacare navigators expect layoffs, reduced outreach after Trump cuts funding

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Obamacare enrollment groups say they are likely to lay off staff, cut back outreach and limit their geographic footprint after the Trump administration sharply curtailed their federal funding, according to a new Kaiser Family Foundation [survey](#).

HHS awarded roughly \$37 million to nearly 100 navigator organizations across the country this year, a sharp decline from the roughly \$60 million they received annually from the federal government in prior enrollment seasons.

Nearly 90 percent of navigators said they expect to lay off staff, the survey found. More than 80 percent said they would cut back their enrollment efforts and events, and 57 percent said they would limit the number of people who are devoted to more complicated enrollment cases.

The Kaiser survey also raises questions about the Trump administration's explanation for the funding cuts. CMS said the funding would be tied to how well the groups performed on previous enrollment targets — for instance, a group that previously hit 70 percent of its enrollment goal would now receive 70 percent of its funding, HHS said.

But the Kaiser survey found funding adjustments did not correlate with enrollment performance for about 78 percent of navigator groups. Roughly half the organizations surveyed also said the federal government did not provide a rationale for their funding decreases, and another 40 percent said the reasoning was unclear.

Grant amounts for 2018 ranged from as little as \$10,000 to as much as \$4.9 million, according to an HHS breakdown of funding.

Kaiser surveyed groups between Sept. 22 and Oct. 4, and 48 programs in 32 states responded. The next open enrollment period begins Nov. 1.

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Trump says health care executive order will allow coverage to be sold across state lines

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President Donald Trump plans to sign an executive order this week aimed at expanding access to loosely regulated health insurance plans -- a move that could give consumers more coverage options but also destabilize Obamacare markets.

The order is expected to direct a trio of agencies to rewrite federal rules to allow trade associations and other groups offer their own health plans. Those so-called association health plans would be exempt from some of Obamacare's strict regulations and could be sold across state lines.

"They will be able to buy, they'll be able to cross state lines and they will get great competitive health care and it will cost the United States nothing," Trump said today. "With Congress the way it is, I decided to take it upon myself."

Trump is planning to sign the directive on Thursday, a source briefed on the plans said, in a move that would follow through on his repeated calls to open up the sale of health insurance across state lines. Republicans including Sens. Rand Paul and Mike Enzi have long championed association health plans as a way to lower insurance costs and give people more options.

The order likely won't contain many specifics on how the administration would pave the way for those alternative offerings. Instead, it's likely to leave it to the Labor, Treasury and Health and Human Services departments to reinterpret a sweeping employee health benefits regulation with an eye toward expanding coverage options for consumers.

It remains unclear how far the Trump administration will go in circumventing Obamacare's regulations to encourage sales of looser-regulated plans -- and exactly which rules association health plans would be exempt from.

The Labor Department has already met with business trade groups about the planned executive order and begun work on reinterpreting federal regulations, two sources familiar with the matter said.

The Trump administration is separately looking into easing rules on short-term insurance policies, two sources familiar with the plans said. The Obama administration last year limited the length of those policies -- which also don't comply with Obamacare's rules -- to three months.

The rule change being explored now would restore insurers' ability to sell short-term policies that provide up to a year of coverage, effectively reestablishing them as a competitor to more robust Obamacare plans.

But already, insurers and policy experts have warned that allowing cheap, loosely regulated association health plans to flood the market would upset the Obamacare market's delicate balance and open the door to undermining key protections for people with pre-existing conditions.

Association health plans are already sold in some states but have to meet Obamacare's regulations. If the administration were to free them from those rules, those plans could charge far lower premiums for a skimpier set of benefits -- aiming to attract the healthiest and cheapest enrollees while potentially leaving Obamacare plans with higher-cost customers.

"It would deteriorate the risk pool, lead to increased premiums, more instability and potentially make insurers have to make decisions on whether they're going to continue to participate," said Cori Uccello, a senior health fellow at the American Academy of Actuaries.

Concerns about undermining Obamacare's patient protections -- including a ban on charging people more based on their health status -- helped sink multiple Republican efforts to repeal and replace the law.

But conservative Republicans including Paul have continued to insist that rolling back Obamacare's regulations are the only path to lowering premiums and increasing competition. And business groups are largely expected to back an attempt to expand the health coverage that trade associations can offer to their members.

"Any effort to jump start this issue and provide more competition in the states, in the individual and small group market, is welcome," said Neil Trautwein, the vice president for health policy at the National Retail Federation.

Since congressional Republicans admitted defeat on repeal, Trump has been vocal about his frustration with the failure to deliver on a key campaign promise.

In an interview with Forbes published Tuesday morning, Trump reiterated his position that Obamacare is "a total mess" and insisted that while the healthcare law is now his responsibility,

blame for its struggles fall entirely at the feet of his predecessor. "Obamacare is Obama's fault. It's never going to be our fault," Trump said.

"What we're doing is trying to keep it afloat, because it's failing," the president said. "I mean the insurance companies are fleeing and have fled. They fled before I got here. But with that being said, no, Obamacare is Obama's fault. It's nobody else's fault."

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Is Washington bungling the Census? [Back](#)

By Danny Vinik | 10/11/2017 05:02 AM EDT

For more than 200 years, the federal government has regularly taken an immense survey of American business called the [Economic Census](#). Though not as well-known as the decennial census, the big population count in which enumerators tally Americans house to house, it has been conducted at least every five years since 1905, with a gap only during World War II. Its basic measurements of economic activity, like jobs and revenue, are crucially important to companies, policymakers and anyone trying to track the nation's economic health.

The next Economic Census was supposed to start in January, five years after the previous one, as usual. But earlier this year, the Census Bureau quietly changed its deadline, pushing it back at least six months. The agency told POLITICO that it has not publicly announced the delay but confirmed that aspects of the Economic Census were "re-planned," and the results would be out six months late.

"If the Obama guys had quietly suggested delaying the Economic Census by six months, there'd be holy hell to pay," said a former high-ranking appointee in the Commerce Department.

According to multiple statistical experts who spoke with Census Bureau officials, the reason was money: The Census needed the money earmarked for the Economic Census to prepare for the 2020 decennial, which Congress has underfunded by hundreds of millions of dollars. In a tight budget environment, the bureau was effectively forced to choose between two of Washington's most important efforts to collect data on the country. Even if it's conducted on the new schedule, the delay of the 2017 Economic Census will have negative effects down the line; it leaves outdated baseline numbers in place for policymakers, and creates problems for companies that need to comply. Said another census-watcher of the 2017 survey: "It will always have this asterisk."

Such asterisks are popping up more and more in the sleepy world of federal statistics. As wonky as it may sound, collecting and publishing information on Americans and U.S. businesses is one of the most important roles of the government: Information provided by Washington helps small businesses decide the next town in which to expand, and determines the destination of more than \$400 billion in federal spending each year. The government [has no fewer](#) than 128 agencies that collect and disseminate numbers, including 13 whose primary responsibility is statistics. Its surveys cover topics from inflation to oil prices to mink pelt production. As technical and dry as

they are, the data overall form the backbone of U.S. economic planning.

"There are very few things you can get a bunch of economists to agree on, but this is it," said Tom Beers, executive director of the National Association of Business Economics, about the importance of federal statistics.

But today, under pressure from nearly a decade of budget stagnation, the system is nearing a breaking point. Conversations with more than two dozen statistical experts, present and former officials, find agencies sharply cutting back on the scale and ambition of their data-gathering, reducing sample sizes, delaying investments and, in some cases, eliminating surveys altogether—a last-resort measure that forever leaves a hole in what we know about how the nation is changing. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, for instance, which publishes the nation's monthly jobs report, has seen its funding fall by nearly 10 percent since 2005, after adjusting for inflation. In turn, the agency has scaled back its quarterly survey on employment and wages, which serves as a benchmark for the jobs report; in 2013, it was forced to stop a survey on mass layoffs and another on green jobs. The little-known Bureau of Transportation Statistics, which collects national transportation data, has seen its budget decline by 21 percent and has been unable to collect data on the number of trucks and their use in the United States.

The biggest anxiety looming over this landscape is the 2020 census. Mandated by the Constitution and conducted without fail every 10 years, the census is the most important and expensive project of any kind that the government regularly undertakes. But it's already well behind schedule. Strapped for funding in the 2016 and 2017 budgets, it has canceled two of the three field tests scheduled for 2018 and pushed back its advertising campaign designed to get people to answer the survey. When the Census Bureau asked for money in the three-month stopgap spending measure that passed in early September, Congress denied those funds.

"The 2020 census is still in significant trouble, budget-wise," said Terri Ann Lowenthal, former co-director of the Census Project, an organization that tracks the census. "That keeps me up at night."

The troubles at the census, as well as many other statistical agencies, predate Donald Trump's presidency; they're part of a discretionary budget squeezed hard by Congress and the 2013 sequester. But the Trump administration has brought a fresh wave of concern in the form of a president skeptical about the value of government overall, and whose administration doesn't seem to be concerned about the gaps it could leave. Early anxieties about a "war on data" by the new administration haven't borne out, but indifference is a risk too: While both George W. Bush and Barack Obama put a great deal of emphasis on the value of data, Trump still hasn't nominated anyone to run the Census Bureau and the BLS, arguably the two most important statistical agencies.

Beyond the tight budgets and neglect from the White House, a larger risk lurks around the corner, one that threatens the very reliability of statistics: People simply aren't answering surveys the way they used to. Because of demographic and technological changes, response rates for federal surveys have been falling for years, a trend that shows no sign of reversing. This makes surveys more expensive to conduct—exacerbating the budget problems at agencies that run them—and raises something of an existential threat to what we know about our own country.

"It's a slow-moving train wreck," said Erica Groshen, who led the BLS from 2013 to 2017.

As data become ever-more important to business and governance, federal statistics are becoming more expensive—and, the fear is, less reliable. There is one bright spot, however: New ideas and techniques are giving the government lots of ways to replace, even improve upon, its collection of information. By using data already collected by the government and purchasing data from the private sector, Washington can provide a fuller, timelier picture of America—from quicker numbers on economic growth to more accurate information about our health. Nancy Potok, chief statistician of the United States, calls this opportunity a "watershed moment," and many experts said an update is long overdue; the federal statistical system has essentially been unchanged for decades, even as the economy has become globalized and technology has reshaped industries.

"We're doing about the same set of indicators that we did 20 years ago," said Robert Groves, who led the Census Bureau from 2009 to 2012 and recently chaired a National Academies panel on improving federal statistics. "Name something in the economy that is done precisely the same way as 20 years ago."

But for all the promise of so-called Big Data, so far, the agencies have made little progress incorporating it—in large part, experts said, because they simply don't have the money for the upfront investment it requires. Buying data from companies, testing it and researching alternatives can be expensive. And as statistical agencies are always in search of areas to cut, such research and development is often the first casualty.

The question now is whether Congress will actually realize the threat facing federal statistics and make the necessary investments to modernize the system, using the vast swaths of data unlocked by new technologies to produce more accurate, timely information. Or whether continued neglect will undermine the federal statistical system, dooming one of the America's great economic advantages.

PERHAPS NO STATISTICAL agency faces as tough a budgetary environment than the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 2,400-person agency founded in 1884. Every month, it produces two of the most important and closely watched economic statistics: Its 60,000-person survey of American households generates the unemployment rate, and a different survey, which asks people about the price of recent purchases, produces the inflation rate.

For all its importance, though, the BLS budget has flatlined for almost a decade—and sharply declined, if adjusted for inflation. In 2010, Congress funded the agency at \$611 million; for 2017, that number was \$609 million, an inflation-adjusted decline of more than 10 percent. At the same time, survey response rates have gone down, making it more expensive to produce the same reports. For the survey that estimates the unemployment rate, called the Current Population Survey, response rates have fallen from around 92 percent in 2010 to 87 percent today. That may not seem like much, but for statistics that are watched to the tenth of a percentage point—the unemployment rate is currently 4.2 percent—small changes in response rates can create subtle biases that affect the data, making the results less reliable.

In 2013, faced with a large budget cut of \$30 million, about 5 percent of its previous budget, BLS canceled surveys on green jobs and on mass layoffs, and discontinued a program that made

it easier to compare international and domestic statistics. The agency got just half of that cut restored in 2014, forcing it to curtail its quarterly survey on employment and wages; BLS also announced it was canceling a price index on exports but reinstated it after facing a backlash from the business community.

With current programs already underfunded, the agency has been unable to invest in new innovative approaches and upgrade its current surveys. For instance, for years, BLS has tried to get money to fund a survey on alternative working arrangements, such as independent contractors like Uber drivers—currently a significant gap in what we know about the job market. BLS last conducted the survey in 2005, before the rise of the so-called gig economy, and policymakers haven't had up-to-date data since. Even after it gained a congressional champion in Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.), Congress failed to provide the \$1.6 million to run the survey. The agency conducted the survey again last May, by shifting money internally, but with just two data points in a 12-year stretch—and no money for future surveys—it's tough to get an accurate picture of how the labor market is changing. "I worry that there's lots of issues like that where we are going to be behind the curve," said Beers.

Some surveys remain grounded altogether: The last time the agency measured employer-provided job training—a top policy priority for Democrats and Republicans—was 1995. Other surveys are out of date. The BLS is currently trying to update the geographic locations in its inflation estimates and reduce the complexity and time required for a survey on consumer expenditures. But funding shortfalls have forced it to scale back its plans: It has reduced the number of cities in the inflation measure, and the update to the consumer expenditures survey could take 20 years.

THE BLS REPRESENTS an extreme example of the challenges facing the entire statistical system—but it isn't alone.

At the Bureau of Justice Statistics, response rates for its high-profile national crime victimization survey fell from 90 percent in 2008 to 76 percent today. At the same time, budget cuts have forced the BJS to suspend surveys on public defense functions and indigent defense. The Bureau of Transportation hasn't had the money to update its survey on truck use since 2002, and the Economic Research Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture has cut surveys on smaller commodities, like strawberries. "If you are going to drop something, you drop the minor ones," said Katherine Smith Evans, a former head of the ERS, "even though, to some extent, the information is more valuable to small markets than to large ones."

Charlie Rothwell, director of the National Center on Health Statistics, a little-known agency within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that produces statistics on births, deaths and drug overdoses, said that flat budgets and declining response rates were forcing the NCHS to "innovate around the edges." Response rates for the NCHS's big survey on the health of adults and children have dropped from the high 60s to the mid-50s in recent years, forcing the agency to spend more money to achieve a representative sample—money that can't be used to research and develop new innovative survey techniques and experiment with alternative data. "It's like driving an Indy car," said Rothwell. "We keep messing around with the engine, but maybe we ought to replace the engine at some point."

Of course, a lot of data collected by the government aren't of broad national importance; the fate of our democracy doesn't rest on the strawberry or mink count. But it does depend greatly on the big kahuna—the Census Bureau, which dwarfs the rest of the statistical system. Its decennial census is a massive undertaking that requires a huge administrative ramp-up in the three years prior to the national count. After technological problems in the 2010 census led to a \$3 billion cost overrun, Congress put the bureau on a tight budget, a big challenge as response rates declined, requiring expensive in-person follow-ups. "The only thing you can do as the country gets more diverse, living arrangements get more complicated—you need more bodies," said John Thompson, who resigned as director of the Census Bureau in June. "And that costs a lot."

Typically, Congress dramatically boosts the agency's funding in the run-up to the decennial so it can hire hundreds of thousands of people and launch dozens of field offices. The Census Bureau did receive an increase this year, but one that was \$200 million below its budget request—and, at 7 percent, significantly below the 11 percent increase it received during the ramp-up a decade ago. In turn, the agency has canceled two of the three sites where it intended to hold its 2018 dress rehearsal, a crucial test for the decennial; it also canceled tests of special procedures to count Americans living in rural communities and in areas recovering from natural disasters. Ironically, Thompson said, the tests were intended to save money by trying out new techniques; without the testing, the agency will have to revert to techniques that worked well in 2010 but are more expensive. "If you want to save money on the census, you need to spend money in Year 7, not Years 9 and 10," said Groves, Thompson's predecessor.

In the Trump era, experts worry that the most powerful advocate for the Census Bureau and other statistical agencies—the executive branch—is no longer going to play that role. During the Obama administration, the statistical agencies repeatedly asked for funding hikes, only to be denied by Congress. Agency heads defended those figures at hearings on Capitol Hill, passionately advocating for more money. But Trump's 2018 budget, which includes huge cuts to discretionary spending, proposes cuts to many of the statistical agencies. Its \$1.5 billion request for the Census Bureau—even if Congress funds it at that level—falls \$350 million short of what the Obama administration projected the agency would need. When Trump officials trek to Capitol Hill, they'll have to defend these cuts, rather than press to reverse them.

An official in the White House's Office of Management and Budget defended the budget requests as viable. "We are committed to having an accurate 2020 Census, and are working closely with the Commerce Department to make sure that the resources necessary to assure a successful census will be available," the official said.

That has left statistical experts especially discouraged and concerned about the future of the federal statistical system. In the past, statistical experts and agency officials could appeal to certain lawmakers who championed the mission. But when I asked who championed the agencies now, I was met with silence. "The BLS is without champions right now," said Groshen.

Said Beers, "A lot of other functions of the government have well-funded lobbying groups to make sure that a program continues. There's nothing like that for statistics."

FOR ALL THE angst about the future of government data-gathering, there's a lot of excitement as well. The world is awash in data like never before—a shift that offers huge opportunities to

update a statistical system that relies on the age-old techniques, like phone surveys and knocking on doors.

Nearly everyone who tracks government statistics believes this means Washington will be able to produce more accurate statistics at a much lower cost. And there are hopes that it will also reduce survey complexity, saving respondents hours of time finding paperwork and attempting to understand complicated questions—but it also comes with some big challenges and risks. The first is the biggest: rethinking how our statistical system operates. Julia Lane, a professor at New York University, has worked with federal agencies on this issue and seen the challenge up close. "You start with masses of data from all sources," she said, "and you have to figure out how to link those sources, figure out what's missing, deal with very rapid updates, how to make sense of it, protect confidentiality."

A big part of the challenge is personnel, and the new kinds of data scientists the government will need to recruit. "You can think of the statistical agencies as being data factories," said Lane. "You have to retool an entire production line. ... It's like retooling a factory when your machines are actually people." The problem is that when agencies prioritize resources, programs like training are often first cut, said Potok, the U.S.' chief statistician.

Some of the data the government needs come from elsewhere in the government—or, theoretically, they could. For instance, instead of asking about a person's income—a question that causes many respondents to drop off—an agency could get that information directly from the IRS, which records it from federal tax returns. Similarly, unemployment insurance records could provide data on wages.

So far, such data sharing has occurred only sparingly. The statistical agencies aren't built to use third-party data—even data from the rest of the government—and they don't have the institutional capacity or money to develop ways to incorporate it. But there are some signs of progress: In one notable example, the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis have tested a new way to estimate retail sales, a monthly report that financial analysts complain is too slow and does not provide enough geographic detail. As Americans increasingly use plastic to purchase clothing and other retail goods, the government has experimented with purchasing credit card data from third-party aggregators, and so far, the data have tracked the retail sales figures pretty closely.

"You don't know what an individual purchased, but in an aggregated way, you can see sales of washing machines in Chicago yesterday," said Potok, who previously was deputy director of the Census Bureau. "You can produce it faster. It's probably cheaper."

For skeptics of Big Government, the idea of replacing the retail sales survey with credit card data is a perfect example of how, in many cases, the private sector can track statistical information better than the government; a job that once required the vast network and infrastructure of the federal government can now, through the help of new technologies, easily be completed by private companies. But Potok also warns that commercial data isn't a "magic solution." What happens if the third-party aggregator changes its methodology or jacks up the price of the data? There's real value in producing the data in-house, where agencies must follow a careful set of rules in their surveys, so that users and respondents alike know exactly what is being collected,

how it's going to be used and its reliability. "It's all very transparent," said Potok. "When you are buying data from a company, it's not transparent at all. If they change their methods at all, it could skew the numbers and you wouldn't know it."

Privacy advocates are also concerned that linking administrative data could cause the inadvertent disclosure of respondents' personal information. "The more you link stuff together and provide that data, you have a greater chance to identify someone," said Rothwell, head of the National Center for Health Statistics. Privacy was also a top concern for the [Commission on Evidenced Based Policymaking](#), which was created under a 2016 law championed by House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) and Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.). In a [138-page report](#) released in September, the commission recommended ways to increase the availability and use of data, including strong privacy protections.

"I thought I understood about privacy and confidentiality from my time spent at BLS," said Katharine Abraham, an economics professor at the University of Maryland who co-chaired the commission. "But I didn't really understand the set of people who think about these issues, how deeply they feel about them." One idea popular among people who prioritize expanding access to data—a central clearinghouse for all federal data—was heavily opposed by privacy advocates on the commission who said it would be a perfect target for cyberattack. "In the end, I was convinced it wasn't a good idea," Abraham said.

As agencies attempt to link more and more data, these are the types of big, important questions they are going to face, and experts aren't exactly sure how to answer them. But they do know that the traditional surveys that have been the backbone of federal statistics for over two centuries are not enough in the 21st century. "It's an existential challenge," said Lane. "They can't keep collecting data through surveys. They know that." Said Potok: "If we don't do something now, we could have a crisis in the future. I don't think we're in a crisis state now."

The hope, experts agree, is that we are on the verge of something of a statistical revolution, one that will update the current slow, outdated system to meet the challenges in the fast-paced, globalized economy. "We're still measuring on a monthly cycle—that's the best we can do—yet there are massive decisions being made on a faster cycle," said Groves. "We have a statistical system that did quite well for an economy that no longer exists."

The risk, though, is that budget cuts and declining response rates undermine data quality before agencies can research and incorporate new data sets. So far, we haven't reached the breaking point—a big mistake in the unemployment rate, for instance—but no one can say for sure that such a crisis won't hit soon. "When a bridge falls down, then suddenly people realize, wow, we needed that bridge," said Groves. "It's just like that. We've enjoyed a wonderful run. But this needs attention."

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DHS official: Trump able to pick border wall design [Back](#)

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The choice of a border wall design from a slate of prototypes under construction may fall to President Donald Trump, Homeland Security Department spokesman David Lapan said today.

Trump pledged at an Alabama campaign rally in September that he would decide which border wall design should move forward. "I'm going to go out and look at them personally and pick the right one," the president said.

At today's briefing, Lapan said, "We don't know yet what the president's level of involvement will be." Lapan added that no law "prohibits him, as it did during the [request for proposal] process, from being involved."

U.S. Customs and Border Protection contracted six construction companies to build eight border wall prototypes in the San Diego area, four made of concrete and four made of "other" materials.

Four of the samples have been completed, according to Lapan. The department expects the remainder to be finished by Oct. 26.

Once completed, the walls will be subject to a 30-day concrete "curing" period before CBP begins its evaluation.

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On Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 5:08 PM, Barnum, Jeremy <jeremy_barnum@nps.gov> wrote:

Dear Todd,

In the interest of time, Laura Rigas asked that I send for your review the below statement on an event today at Stonewall National Monument that has garnered significant media attention.

NPS and the park superintendent would like to use the statement to respond to ongoing questions about today's event . We've also included brief Q&A for continued questions on the flag at the bottom.

Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions.

Best,

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Statement by Joshua Laird, Commissioner of the National Parks of New York Harbor
It is the mission of Stonewall National Monument to share the history of the Stonewall Uprising, a momentous event that inspired a national LGBT civil rights movement. In that spirit, the National Parks of New York Harbor was pleased to welcome a commemoration event at Stonewall National Monument earlier today.

The event's organizers requested a permit to hold today's event at Stonewall National Monument which the National Park Service (NPS) approved. Suggestions that the National Park Service pulled its support for the event are false. We never pulled our support and the

permit was never in question. We even staffed the event and supplied power and amplification equipment.

The NPS does not “sponsor” first amendment events, but we do participate in the planning of permitted events to make certain they meet safety and resource protection requirements. NPS personnel often attend these events ensure they follow permit requirements.

In this case, there was some confusion about whether we would or would not speak at the event. As the senior NPS representative in the area, I attended today’s event and I hope that my presence underscores how important Stonewall is to us and our appreciation for the community’s support of the monument.

Q&A

If asked about the flag:

The flag pole is not on federal property.

The park raised the flag on September 28 as a part of a good-faith effort to respond to community interest.

When it was determined that the flagpole is not on federal property, the flag was given to New York City Parks. They have chosen to let the flag continue to fly on the flagpole.

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To: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Russell Newell[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]
From: Laura Rigas
Sent: 2017-10-12T01:29:26-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Lola Zinke tweet re: travel
Received: 2017-10-12T01:29:30-04:00

Can you pls keep Brad and me in the loop on the response? Thx.

On Oct 11, 2017, at 2:45 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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From: **Zack Colman** <zcolman@eenews.net>
Date: Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 2:09 PM
Subject: Lola Zinke tweet re: travel
To: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Hi Heather,

Wanted to direct you to the responses in this tweet:

<https://twitter.com/LolaZinke/status/917711705374937089>

A Twitter user poses this question to Lola: So are you claiming that no taxpayer funds have ever been used to pay for your travel? DOI confirmed that you went along to Norway & AK

Lola then responds: please refer to Senate Select committee travel ethics rules

It appears this is an admission that Lola was on those flights but that she believes she followed all appropriate ethics rules (and, again, there may well have been clearance by ethics). Was Lola on those flights? Can you provide that clearance that ethics provided for her to be on those flights?

Since these responses are public, I'm operating with some considerable time pressure but I also want to get this right. So please let me know.

-Zack

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Zack Colman

E&E News

White House correspondent

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o: 202-446-0408

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To: Newell, Russell[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-10-12T10:58:43-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: SPAM DANGER?
Received: 2017-10-12T11:01:22-04:00

OMG - They also include the forest service lol

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On Oct 12, 2017, at 10:56 AM, Newell, Russell <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

thanks for the input. helpful. will share with Jeff.

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On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 10:55 AM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I don't like that there's no hyperlinks in the beginning and that there's no mention of which outlet it is or if it's opinion. Also don't like that it's not divided by Bureau.

It took us about three months of working with Bulletin to get a format that worked.

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On Oct 12, 2017, at 10:52 AM, Newell, Russell <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Bulletin looks much better visually.

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On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 10:51 AM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Not a fan of this format.

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On Oct 12, 2017, at 10:48 AM, Newell, Russell <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

just asked Jeff - techMIS is a potential new vendor to take over the service Bulletin has been providing. Jeff said this is test or sample of what news clips would look like under them. We'd have the ability to tweak. Jeff wants to sit down with Laura and me today to discuss

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On Thu, Oct 12, 2017 at 10:42 AM, Heather Swift
<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Any idea what in the world the world this is? Did we get another service?

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[NV] Nevada's Heller, Laxalt join Sandoval in supporting sage grouse
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[CA] Fears grow of wildfires merging in California

[CA] Whole towns evacuated as Northern California firestorm grows;
at least
23 people are dead, 285 missing

[CA] Wildfires Burning Through Cash, Not Just Landscape

[CA] Wildfires trample California's \$58 billion wine industry

[CA] Will wine country disaster push Congress to fix fire budget?

[CA] Fire restoration activities planned

[CA] Rives Mansion hits the market for \$1.3 million

Bureau of Indian Affairs

[MA] Taunton City Council extends emergency services agreement
with tribe

[SD] Family sues Indian boarding school in Pierre for wrongful death

[MT] Homeland Hero

[AZ] The Largest Coal-Fired Power Plant in the West Is Slated for
Closure

[AZ] Navajo Nation President Begaye Testifies before Congress to Fix
Problems with 1974 Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act

[CA] Camp 4 Final Deal Getting Close

Bureau of Land Management

[TN] Villagers help create a 'hidden gem'

[CO] Legal Protest Targets Trump Fracking Plan That Threatens
Colorado River

[CO] Suit seeks to stop oil-gas drilling on 9 parcels

[WY] US government halts Wyoming wild horse roundup amid
dispute

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Scientists Eavesdrop on Little-known Beaked Whales to Learn How
Deeply They
Dive

[NJ] New Jersey Gov. Christie Rejects President's Offshore Drilling
Plan

Bureau of Reclamation

[AZ] The Sierra Club's Shadowy History with the Navajo Generating
Station

Fish and Wildlife Service

250 Years After Washington Drained It, Feds Soak A Swamp

Mussel, once feared extinct, brought back to Ohio River

Bee-Killing Pesticide Found in 75 Percent of Global Honey Samples

[KY] Bald Eagle Population Soars in Kentucky

[SD] The only ND man indicted in a SD sting for selling eagle parts is
in
custody

[MT] Controversy Over Grizzly Bear Protection Continues

[CA] Opinion: Tiny Mouse Is Huge Success Story for Endangered
Species Act

US Forest Service

Wildfires: How They Form, And Why They're So Dangerous

[NH] White Mountains forest fire still burning a week later

[SC] More than 150 roads in need of repair around National Forest

[IN] Region parks, parkways to lose hundreds of trees

[OR] Forest Service needs to alter their procedures

[CA] Drought and heat, worsened by humans, help fuel California
fires

[CA] The Napa Fire Is a Perfectly Normal Apocalypse

[CA] Bulldozing Forests Isn't the Answer to Controlling California's Wildfires. Here's What Is.

[CA] Forest Service visitor-use surveys begin

US Geological Survey

[WY] Geologists Map the Plumbing Beneath Yellowstone's Old Faithful Geyser

[WY] 'Supervolcano' Under Yellowstone May Have Planet-Killing Potential

National Park Service

National parks need investment from private companies to thrive

No more parks?

[NY] Stonewall National Monument's rainbow flag plan was going fine, then things got weird

[NC] Mysterious debris washes ashore in Hatteras, leading to a lot of questions

[TN] Chimney Tops Trail reopens

[MS] Barrier islands to remain closed after Nate

[TX] New EPA Rule Will Allow Twice The Pollution From Texas Coal Plants

[MT] Glacier National Park sets annual attendance record

[WY] September 3rd busiest in Yellowstone's history

[WY] Traffic accident kills 4 bison in Grand Teton park

[WY] Yellowstone Death Linked to a Search for Forrest Fenn's Treasure

[WY] 'UFO' Sighted Zig-Zagging Over Yellowstone Supervolcano

[WY] Devils Tower plans prescribed fire

[WY] Experts expect record year for lake trout removal

Office of Insular Affairs

[PR] Three weeks since Hurricane Maria, much of Puerto Rico still
dark,
thirsty and frustrated

[PR] Puerto Rico's hurricane death toll rises to 45

[PR] Puerto Rico: US officials privately acknowledge serious food
shortage

[PR] Trump's Puerto Rico video tells positive story, leaves misery on
cutting-room floor

[PR] Puerto Rico Relief Bill Cancels \$16 Billion in Debt — But Not
for
Puerto Rico

[PR] Puerto Rico's treasured rainforest another victim of Hurricane
Maria

[PR] Puerto Rico's Solar Rush

[VI] Has America Forgotten the Virgin Islands?

[VI] US Virgin Islands getting back to business following September
storms

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Ethics office director rebukes agency heads

[<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ethics-office-director-rebukes-agency-heads/>](https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ethics-office-director-rebukes-agency-heads/)

CBS News [10/11/2017 10:21 AM, Rebecca Shabad, 14389K] reports that the acting director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics is warning the leaders of government agencies that they should promote an "ethical culture," while suggesting some have practiced the opposite. In a memo issued to agency heads, David Apol, the acting director and general counsel of the Government Ethics office, wrote that he's grateful to leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to ethical service. "At the same time, I am deeply concerned that the actions of some in government leadership have

harmed perceptions about the importance of ethics and what conduct is, and is not, permissible," Apol wrote. Apol called on these agency heads to "redouble" their commitment to ethics in government. Officials' use of charter flights such as by Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, Energy Secretary Rick Perry, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt have recently come under scrutiny.

The
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/trumps-cabinet-cant-seem-to-stop-taking-private-planes/2017/10/11/358f83fe-a87c-11e7-850e-2bdd1236be5d_story.html?utm_term=.0075cb7f8e3a> Washington Post [10/11/2017 7:27 PM, Editorial Board] reports now that former health and human services secretary Tom Price has been drummed out of government for swanning around the nation in private planes at exorbitant expense to taxpayers, other members of the Trump administration are jockeying to claim the mantle of haughtiest Cabinet member. Among the leading contenders is Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who seems to have learned contempt for the people who pay his salary at the knee of Mr. Price. Mr. Zinke thought nothing of spending \$12,375 on a charter flight from Las Vegas, where he spoke at the behest of a political patron, to his home state of Montana in June. He waved away criticism of the flight as "a little B.S. over travel."

<<http://www.msnbc.com/the-beat-with-ari-melber/watch/new-trump-cabinet-official-under-fire-for-ethics-spending-1070659139597>> MSNBC [10/11/2017 7:44 PM, Staff, 4332K] reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke follows Tom Price

using government resources for personal travel. Trump's ethics chief
says
he's "deeply concerned" with the administration's actions.

Additional reporting:

<[http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/editorials/article178397746.ht
ml](http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/editorials/article178397746.html)> Miami
Herald [10/11/2017 9:23 PM, Staff, 4830K, FL]

Watchdog Uses Years Old Endorsement To Claim Zinke Violated
Ethics Rules As
Trump's Interior Secretary

<[http://dailycaller.com/2017/10/11/zinke-violated-ethics-regulations-
with-ye
ars-old-statement-govt-watchdog-says/](http://dailycaller.com/2017/10/11/zinke-violated-ethics-regulations-with-years-old-statement-govt-watchdog-says/)> The Daily Caller [10/11/2017
6:02 PM,
Tim Pearce, 5106K, DC] reports a government watchdog group is
calling for an
ethics investigation into Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke after a
statement
from Zinke endorsing a fundraising firm was found on the firm's
website.
Campaign for Accountability (CfA) filed a request for investigation
with the
Office of Government Ethics Wednesday, claiming Zinke broke
federal ethics
regulations by using his office as a platform to endorse a private
business.
ForthRight Strategy, a fundraising firm hired by Zinke during his 2014
congressional race, featured an apparent endorsement from Zinke on
the front
page of its website, according to CfA.

"You guys are in large part why I had the money and support that
afforded me
the opportunity to become a Congressman for the at-large seat in
Montana,"
Zinke's statement read. "Your results and personal commitment to
Team Zinke

were bar none! I greatly value the professional as well as the personal relationship we have developed over many years! Thank you!" The statement is several years old, predating when Zinke was nominated to serve as secretary of the Interior, CfA confirmed to The Daily Caller News Foundation.

Zinke's Mix Of Fundraisers, Government Work Raises New Ethics Concerns

<<http://www.abcactionnews.com/newsy/zinkes-mix-of-fundraisers-government-work-raises-new-ethics-concerns>> ABC Action News [10/11/2017 9:50 AM, Lindsey Pulse and Katherine Biek, 517K, FL] reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has made some seemingly questionable travel decisions, and media outlets just uncovered some more. Politico uncovered two more instances of the Cabinet official attending fundraisers when the U.S. government paid for his travel. In March, Zinke reportedly went to a fundraiser affiliated with Rep. Steve Daines at a ski resort in Montana, and in May, he's said to have attended a fundraiser for Rep. Don Young at a steakhouse in Alaska. The outlet says Zinke also attended several other events with donors while on official trips.

<<http://my.tvey.es/Sz25G>> CNN [10/11/2017 9:49 PM, Staff, 888K] reports that ethics hawks are zeroing in on Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's travel and whether he violated a federal law intended to insulate federal employees from political influence.

<<http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-energy/2017/10/11/reading-the-tea-leaves-on-clean-power-plan-repeal-222739>> Politico [10/11/2017 10:00 AM, Anthony Andragna, 10378K] reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke attended at least two additional political fundraisers during trips he took for official Interior business, Pro's Esther Whieldon and Ben Lefebvre scoop. Federal law permits Cabinet officials to participate in partisan political activities on their own time and without using any federal resources, but FEC records don't list any reimbursement payments to Interior for the events. "Both law and common sense tell us that taxpayer resources are supposed to be used when you're doing the taxpayers' business [but] are not supposed to be used to help candidates get elected," said Brendan Fischer of the nonprofit watchdog organization Campaign Legal Center. Spokeswoman Heather Swift said ethics officials signed off on all trips and they all complied with the law. "The Interior Department under the Trump Administration has always and will always work to ensure all officials follow appropriate rules and regulations when traveling, including seeking commercial options at all times appropriate and feasible, to ensure the efficient use of government resources," she said.

<<http://www.govexec.com/management/2017/10/zinke-mnuchin-travels-raise-still-more-questions/141692/>> Government Executive [10/11/2017 1:23 PM, Charles S. Clark, 156K, DC] reports that the array of issues swirling around Trump Cabinet members' taxpayer-funded travel now include potential violations of the Hatch Act. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Tuesday was reported by

Politico to have attended two political fund-raisers during official travel and leisure trips, raising questions about whether he properly complied with Hatch Act restrictions on mixing politics with government business. Zinke, Politico disclosed, has attended at least three "political fundraisers while traveling for official business, including a weekend ski getaway less than three weeks after he was sworn in that donors paid up to \$3,000 to attend," according to sources and documents the publication reviewed. "Zinke has held at least a half-dozen other events with big donors or influential conservative organizations while on official trips," the report said. His mixing of travel purposes is under review by the Interior Department's inspector general. The newest wrinkle is whether Zinke has violated the Hatch Act. While Cabinet members may conduct partisan political activities, rules require them to do so on their own time, with their own resources, and without invoking their government job title. An Interior spokesman said Zinke's travels were approved by ethics officials and were compliant with the law.

Additional reporting:

<<http://edition.cnn.com/videos/politics/2017/10/12/ryan-zinke-interior-secre>
tary-travel-federal-law-marsh-dnt-ac.cnn> CNN [10/11/2017 10:37 PM, Rene Marsh, 15712K]

<<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/zinkes-travel-continues-to-raise-eth>
ical-questions/ar-AAtjJP5> MSN [10/12/2017 12:44 AM, Rene Marsh and Gregory Wallace, 880K]

<[http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/secretary-zinke-having-awesome-tim](http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/secretary-zinke-having-awesome-time-with-taxpayer-money-1071065155746)
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AM, Rachel
Maddow, 4332K]

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PM, Staff, NY]

<http://www.wral.com/news/national_world/national/video/17010733/
> WRAL
[10/12/2017 6:05 AM, Staff, 1045K, NC]

<[http://missoulain.com/opinion/letters/zinke-should-apologize-to-employees/a](http://missoulain.com/opinion/letters/zinke-should-apologize-to-employees/article_bc8ee1d2-3ef8-5464-ae93-3351f1df03b1.html)
rticle_bc8ee1d2-3ef8-5464-ae93-3351f1df03b1.html> Missoulain
[10/11/2017
9:45 AM, Ed Gilk, 180K, MT]

<[https://www.salon.com/2017/10/11/ryan-zinkes-magical-taxpayer-](https://www.salon.com/2017/10/11/ryan-zinkes-magical-taxpayer-tour-ski-resort-alaskan-steakhouse/)
[tour-ski-reso](https://www.salon.com/2017/10/11/ryan-zinkes-magical-taxpayer-tour-ski-resort-alaskan-steakhouse/)
rt-alaskan-steakhouse/> Salon [10/11/2017 9:31 AM, Taylor Link,
5434K, CA]

Zinke blasted over travel; will not touch Confederate monuments on
federal
lands

<[https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2017/10/11/the-energy-202-the-other-scientific-consensus-the-epa-is-bucking/59dcff9230fb0468cea81e52/)
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/11/the-energy-202-the-other-scientific-consensus-the-epa-is-
bucking/59dcff9
230fb0468cea81e52/> Washington Post [10/11/2017 10:19 AM, Dino
Grandoni,
39042K] reports that Zinke told Breitbart News over the weekend that
there
are some monuments on federal lands he will not touch —
Confederate

monuments. "No monuments are going to be removed from federal land," Zinke said. "Where do you start and where do you stop?... If you're a native Indian, I can tell you, you're not very happy about the history of General Sherman or perhaps President Grant." Zinke continued: "I think we should never hide from our history or erase our history. I think we should embrace the history and understand the faults and learn from it. But when you try to erase history, what happens is you also erase how it happened and why it happened and the ability to learn from it."

<https://www.metro.us/news/politics/ryan-zinke-confederate-monuments-removed>

Metro [10/11/2017 5:20 PM,
Erin Tiernan, 1106K, NY]
reports Interior

Secretary Ryan Zinke said if the government caves to leftist demands and has Confederate monuments removed it could lead to a "slippery slope" where next Native Americans will be calling for the removal of statues commemorating leaders who lead violence against their ancestors. "Where do you start and where do you stop?" Zinke asked in an interview with conservative Breitbart News on Sunday. "It's a slippery slope. If you're a native Indian, I can tell you, you're not very happy about the history of General Sherman or perhaps President Grant." Zinke's rhetoric falls in line with that of conservative commentators and President Donald Trump himself. Zinke said removing monuments is equivalent to erasing history and vowed the Department of Interior would not remove any Confederate monuments. "I think we should

never hide from our history or erase our history. I think we should embrace the history and understand the faults and learn from it. But when you try to erase history, what happens is you also erase how it happened and why it happened and the ability to learn from it," Zinke told Breitbart. But critics are calling bull on what they said is a simplistic response from Zinke that kind of just misses the point.

House committee advances bill to limit Antiquities Act

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/house-committee-advances-bill-to-limit-antiquities-act/article/2637232>> Washington Examiner [10/11/2017 6:08 PM, Josh Siegel, 3567K, DC] reports that the House Natural Resources Committee advanced legislation Wednesday that would limit the power of presidents to designate public land as national monuments. The National Monument Creation and Protection Act, moved by a 23-17 vote, would overhaul the 1906 Antiquities Act, which gives the president unilateral power to protect structures of "historic and scientific interest."

Separately on Tuesday, the Natural Resources Committee considered a resolution authored by Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona requiring Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to disclose more information about his review of recent national monument designations. The measure did not advance. President Trump ordered the Interior Department to undertake a review of 27 national monuments shortly after his inauguration. Zinke issued a report to Trump in August, but it was not made public. A memo leaked to the media revealed that Zinke recommends shrinking or changing the boundaries of six national

monuments and proposes management changes to four others that could reopen areas to logging, cattle grazing and commercial fishing. The Bears Ears National Monument in Utah is perhaps the most contentious one Zinke pegs for a size reduction.

<https://thinkprogress.org/house-bill-limit-presidential-authority-monuments>
-b44751cedee4/> ThinkProgress [10/11/2017 2:09 PM, Jenny Rowland, 3037K, DC] reports the full House Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday is marking up a bill that would limit the president's authority to protect historic places and landscapes. H.R. 3990, introduced by Rep. Rob Bishop, who chairs the committee, would radically re-imagine the Antiquities Act - the law allowing presidents to create national monuments - by imposing acreage caps, narrowing the definition of what deserves protection, and prohibiting national monuments that protect oceans, among other restrictions. The committee will also address another bill, a resolution of inquiry filed by Rep. Grijalva and 25 other House Democrats, aimed at getting the administration to provide Congress with more information about Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's national monument review and report. Zinke has come under fire recently for the secret nature of his report which would significantly reduce at least four national monuments. Ironically, Bishop's bill undercuts many of the recommendations made in the leaked version of Zinke's report as well as the Trump Administration's overall agenda on national monuments.

The
<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/oct/11/national-monument-creation->

and-protection-act-limi/> Washington Times [10/11/2017 8:34 PM,
Ben
Wolfgang, 3771K, DC] reports that the bill, expected to pass the GOP-
led
House, overhauls the 1906 Antiquities Act and sets new limits on what
land
can be designated as a monument and lays out the level of consultation
that
must take place between the federal and local governments during the
process. The House legislation comes amid a review of recent
monument
designations by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who has recommended
to
President Trump that a handful of monuments – most notably the
sprawling
Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante
National
Monument, both in Utah – be drastically cut down in size.

Additional reporting:

<<https://wtop.com/congress/2017/10/house-gop-moves-to-revamp-law-on-national-monuments/>> WTOP [10/11/2017 4:58 PM, Associated Press, DC]

<http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/ap/nation/house-gop-moves-to-revamp-law-on-national-monuments/article_778c77de-0352-529a-bba3-22b636e80995.html>

The Press of Atlantic City
[10/11/2017 4:58 PM, By
Matthew Daly, 142K, NJ]

<<https://www.ecowatch.com/congress-public-lands-2495535091.html>>
EcoWatch
[10/11/2017 11:18 AM, Staff, 564K, OH]

<<https://www.ksl.com/?sid=46125948&nid=757>> KSL [10/11/2017
3:32 PM, Amy
Joi O'Donoghue, KSL, 1018K, UT]

<<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/politics/2017/10/11/house-gop-bi>

ll-would-give-states-veto-power-over-large-national-monuments/755776001/>

Statesman Journal [10/11/2017 2:17 PM, Matthew Daly, 258K, OR]

<<http://kuer.org/post/national-monuments-revamp-gets-house-panel-ok>> KVER

[10/11/2017 8:15 PM, Judy Fahys, CA]

[MA] Feds ignore objections to Cape Wind

<<http://www.mvtimes.com/2017/10/11/feds-ignore-objections-cape-wind/>>

Martha's Vineyard Times [10/11/2017 12:18 PM, June Parker, MA] reports that

the federal government is continuing to ignore us when it comes to Cape

Wind. The recent rubberstamp of Cape Wind's long-term lease of 46 square

miles of Nantucket Sound disregards the wishes of the state, the local government, and the Wampanoag tribes on both Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod.

Why don't the feds realize this project is too expensive, outdated, and unwanted in our waters? Over the objections of the locals, the U.S. Department of the Interior first issued a lease to Cape Wind in 2010.

In 2017, nothing has changed. The Steamship Authority, fishermen, the Cape and

Islands delegation, the tribes, and many others all wrote to the Department

of the Interior telling them Cape Wind does not belong in Nantucket Sound,

there are far too many conflicts here and to cancel Cape Wind's lease. Their

response? To continue to ignore us and instead rubber stamp approval.

[UT] Op-ed: Utah delegation needs a clear message about our monuments

<<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/865690796/Op-ed-Utah-delegation-needs-a-clear-message-about-our-monuments.html>> Deseret News
[10/11/2017 10:10 AM,
Josh Boling, 1322K, UT] reports that if the Trump administration,
Ryan Zinke
and our Utah representatives wanted us to truly trust them then they
would
stop doing literally everything they could to undermine their own
words. The
latest: a leak from Trump's White House detailing Interior Secretary
Zinke's
monument review in which he recommends downsizing both Bears
Ears and Grand
Staircase Escalante national monuments.

[NV] Nevada's Heller, Laxalt join Sandoval in supporting sage grouse
decision

<<http://www.nevadaappeal.com/news/government/nevadas-heller-laxalt-join-sandoval-in-supporting-sage-grouse-decision/>> Nevada Appeal
[10/11/2017 6:42 PM,
Staff, 22K, NV] reports that Sen. Dean Heller and Attorney General
Adam
Laxalt have now joined Gov. Brian Sandoval in applauding the BLM
decision to
cancel withdrawal of federal lands in six western states. The original
plan
was to withdraw 10 million acres of land – a third of that total in
Nevada –
to protect the sage grouse. The rules would have severely limited
mining and
energy development in those areas. But Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke
signed
an order last week canceling that withdrawal and giving states more
flexibility to manage the grouse population.

The

<[http://www.buffalobulletin.com/opinion/columns/article_1581a422-ae8d-11e7-8](http://www.buffalobulletin.com/opinion/columns/article_1581a422-ae8d-11e7-8041-cfff0ef30173.html)

041-cfff0ef30173.html> Buffalo Bulletin [10/11/2017 8:04 AM, Staff, 1K, WY]

reports that Wyoming spent a decade tailoring a sage-grouse conservation

plan, and when it comes to preserving greater sage-grouse habitat, few states do it better than our own. The Department of the Interior and the BLM

should proceed with caution before they attempt to amend federal land use

plans regarding the greater sage-grouse. And quite honestly, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Wide-sweeping changes could backfire as putting the

quirky bird's habitat at risk could lead to a listing on the Endangered Species Act, and that would mean more restrictions on everything from

agriculture to energy.

Earlier this year, Ryan Zinke, Interior secretary, ordered a review of the

sage-grouse plans and later released a report calling for changes to portions of the existing plan. The review and report were in response to

industry representatives who said the current plan is too restrictive and expansive. Zinke said he's attempting to find balance between local economies and sage-grouse conservation. We hope that's the case and the

Interior isn't attempting to appeal to a single group. Doing so will not protect sage-grouse or our Wyoming way of life.

[CA] Fears grow of wildfires merging in California

<[http://thewashingtonpostnie.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/showarticle.aspx?art](http://thewashingtonpostnie.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/showarticle.aspx?article=b4c0fbe9-1a9b-4a1f-8740-110e8c326eae)

icle=b4c0fbe9-1a9b-4a1f-8740-110e8c326eae> Washington Post [10/12/2017 4:56

AM, Cleve R. Wootson Jr., Kristine Phillips and Joel Achenbach, 3K] reports

that the wind known as the Diablo is picking up again, the air is dry,
there
is no rain in sight and the killer wildfires that have scorched the wine
country of Northern California remain almost completely uncontained.
Officials warned Wednesday that some of the big fires could merge.

Statewide, 8,000 firefighters are working to contain 22 wildfires that
cover
170,000 acres — a collective area larger than the city of Chicago. The
worst
are in Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties, where 4,500 homes and
businesses
had been burned at last count. The fire has put a strain on federal
resources, too. Coming on the heels of catastrophic hurricanes, the
California wildfires in total represent just one of 22 disasters that the
Federal Emergency Management Agency is managing across the
nation.
Eighty-five percent of FEMA's 9,900 full-time employees are working
"in the
field," away from their assigned offices, agency spokesman Mike
Cappannari
said. With some of the fires in the Sierras and Southern California
nearing
containment, Cal Fire is shifting resources — which include 73
helicopters
and 30 air tankers — to the most dangerous fires in and around wine
country.
The U.S. Forest Service said it has dispatched 740 personnel. "We are
in a
wickedly dangerous fire situation and when one of us needs help, all of
us
come," said Bob Baird, director of fire and aviation management for
the
Forest Service's Pacific Southwest region.

[CA] Whole towns evacuated as Northern California firestorm grows;
at least
23 people are dead, 285 missing

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-fires-northern-california-20171>

011-story.html> Los Angeles Times [10/11/2017 10:05 PM, Phil Willon, Paige St. John, Louis Sahagun, Chris Megerian and Alene Tchekmedyian] reports the death toll rose to 21 Wednesday as multiple wildfires continued to spread across Northern California's wine country. As firefighters were dealing with wind shifts Wednesday afternoon, new evacuation orders were issued. All residents of Calistoga were ordered to leave their homes. State and federal officials portrayed an all-out effort to fend off the devastating wildfires at a news conference at a state emergency operations center outside Sacramento. The situation remains very dangerous, officials said. According to Cal Fire spokeswoman Heather Williams, 11 people have died in Sonoma County, six in Mendocino County, two in Yuba County and two in Napa County.

<<http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/11/us/california-fires-updates/index.html>> CNN [10/11/2017 8:45 PM, Jason Hanna, Nicole Chavez and Steve Almasy] reports that in hard-hit Sonoma County, Sheriff Rob Giordano said his office has received 600 reports of missing people, of which detectives have been able to locate 315 people. Giordano believes many of the 285 people who are unaccounted for will be located once telecommunications issues are solved, but he also fears more bodies will be found.

<<https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2017/10/11/at-least-21-dead-3500-structures-destroyed-in-northern-california-fires/>> KQED [10/11/2017 4:49 PM, Staff, 1027K, CA] reports that Cal Fire Chief Ken Pimlott gave an updated death toll late Wednesday morning, calling the series of wildfires in wine country "a

serious, critical, catastrophic event." He says 8,000 firefighters are focusing on protecting lives and property as they battle the flames from 21 fires that are chewing through critically dry vegetation. Pimlott says Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and Washington are sending firefighters and the U.S. Forest Service is sending fire engines, bulldozers and hand crews.

<<http://www.governing.com/topics/public-justice-safety/tns-wine-country-wildfires-firefighters.html>> Governing [10/11/2017 7:31 AM, Lizzie Johnson, Trisha Thadani, Melody Gutierrez and Peter Fimrite, 306K, DC] reports that the dire situation was clear as the U.S. Forest Service was called in to help exhausted state firefighters battle 17 active wildfires, which have blackened more than 115,000 acres statewide, and, Pimlott said, the number is expected to keep rising.

<<http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/10/11/as-death-toll-climbs-evacuations-expand-in-wine-country-fires/>> Mercury News [10/11/2017 12:06 PM, Mark Gomez, Katy Murphy, Erin Baldassari and David DeBolt, 4169K, CA] reports that at a news conference Tuesday morning, officials with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Cal Fire and other agencies reported that 17 fires statewide had burned a combined 115,000 acres and sent 3,200 evacuees to 28 shelters — and that the major fires in Napa and Sonoma were zero percent contained. Some 4,000 people are battling the fires, including crews from Nevada and the U.S. Forest Service. Air tankers dropped 266,000 gallons of retardant from the skies Monday.

<<http://my.tvey.es/Le67A>> Good Morning America [10/11/2017
10:05 AM, Staff,
32K, NV] reports that there were a new batch of evacuation orders in
Northern California overnight, with thousands of people on the move.
Everywhere you look you see melted metal, which goes on for block
after
block in a moonscape of gray ash; in many places the only thing left
standing are the chimneys. As firefighters continue to defend
downtown Santa
Rosa from the onslaught of flames, from the ground and from the air,
residents are taking stock of all they have lost in the heart of California
wine country. The state of California is asking for reinforcement from
the
U.S. Forest Service. [Editorial note: consult source link for video]

[CA] Wildfires Burning Through Cash, Not Just Landscape

<<https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2017/10/11/wildfires-burning-through-cash-not-just-landscape/>> KQED Public Radio [10/11/2017 3:00 PM, Ryan Levi,
920K, CA]
reports wildfires continue to strain government resources throughout
California, creating a vicious cycle of fires and land burdened with
excess
fuels, which leads to bigger fires. About a third of California is federal
land, where fire response and prevention falls mostly to the U.S.
Forest
Service. All Forest Service fire funds come from its base operating
budget,
so when firefighting costs shoot skyward as they have over the last
several
years, resources have to be cribbed from other budget lines like fire
prevention and forest health in a system called "fire borrowing." The
Forest
Service has already spent a record-breaking \$2 billion-plus on fire
suppression this year, and it estimates that it will have to transfer more
than a half-billion dollars from other Forest Service programs to cover
fire
response for the year.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, who oversees the Forest
Service,

has repeatedly spoken out about the need for Congress to establish a dedicated reserve funding source for wildfires similar to what exists for other natural disasters like hurricanes. "This whole department at USDA is going to fight hard to communicate to Congress and the administration that we need permanent fire funding and stop this fire borrowing once and for all," Perdue said at an event last month to introduce new Forest Service Chief Tony Tooke.

[CA] Wildfires trample California's \$58 billion wine industry

<<http://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/wildfires-trample-californias-dollar>

58-billion-wine-industry/ar-AAthjmw> MSN [10/11/2017 9:28 AM, Jennifer

Kaplan, Lydia Mulvany and Jeffrey Taylor, 66K] reports that the fires ravaging Northern California stand to leave the area's renowned wine industry with damage that will be felt long after the final flames burn out.

At least four Napa Valley vineyards have been destroyed or significantly damaged, and the toll may be even worse in Sonoma County to the west. The fires mark the second natural disaster in three years for the area, which was hit by a magnitude 6.0 earthquake in 2014 that caused at least \$500 million in economic damage, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The efforts to quench the fires are far from complete, said Jonathan Cox, a spokesman for Cal Fire, the state's Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

[CA] Will wine country disaster push Congress to fix fire budget?

<<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article178381396.html>

McClatchy DC [10/12/2017
3:01 AM, Emily Cadei,
1478K, DC] reports that

it's a rare point of bipartisan agreement in divided Washington: The federal system for funding firefighting is broken, and that's hurting our ability to prevent fires from breaking out in the first place. But lawmakers are at a loggerheads over how to fix the problem, a split that breaks down on largely regional, rather than partisan, grounds. Some in the House and Senate now hope that national coverage of Northern California's devastating fires could finally spur a congressional compromise, a bit of a silver lining emerging out of all the destruction.

At the root of the problem is the fact that forest fires are not treated like other natural disasters. While the Federal Emergency Management Agency can tap emergency funds for hurricane or tornado response, the U.S. Forest Service has to raid its other program budgets – including fire prevention – if it runs out of firefighting funds. That's become increasingly common in recent years, as fires have grown more intense and destructive. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho notes that the Forest Service spent over half of its budget last year on firefighting, compared to 16 percent in 1995. In effect, the Forest Service has been transformed from a "management agency to a firefighting agency," Risch says.

[CA] Fire restoration activities planned

<http://www.trinityjournal.com/news/local/article_8b4c6c4a-ae20-11e7-9111-e7f111cc010b.html> The Trinity Journal [10/11/2017 9:15 AM, Sally Morris, 4K, CA] reports that once a fire is out, there's a lot more work to be done as soil scientists, hydrologists and other field experts assess the damage to predict and prepare for future environmental impacts within the burned areas. It is officially called the Burned Area Emergency Response process, and with the Helena fire more than 91 percent contained as of last week, that process is well underway through the multi-agency efforts of the U.S. Forest Service, BLM and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

[CA] Rives Mansion hits the market for \$1.3 million

<<http://www.thedowneypatriot.com/articles/rives-mansion-hits-the-market-for-13-million>> The Downey Patriot [10/11/2017 11:56 AM, Alex Dominguez, 4K, CA] reports that Downey's historic Rives Mansion is officially for sale. After what has been a turbulent few years for Downey's iconic property, the foreclosed mansion officially went on the market Oct. 6 with the bank listing it at \$1.3 million. Built in 1911, the home was constructed by L.A. County district attorney James Rives and is listed on the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Register of Historic Landmarks as "a most interesting link to its agricultural past before Downey's mass suburbanization after World War II."

Bureau of Indian Affairs

[MA] Taunton City Council extends emergency services agreement with tribe

<<http://www.tauntongazette.com/news/20171011/taunton-city-council-extends-emergency-services-agreement-with-tribe>> Taunton Daily Gazette [10/11/2017 12:38 PM, Charles Winokoor, 96K, MA] reports that the 151-acre site of the stalled Mashpee Wampanoag resort casino project in East Taunton will continue to be accessible to police, fire and emergency medical services – at least for the next six months. The Taunton City Council, on the recommendation of City Solicitor Jason D. Buffington, voted unanimously Tuesday night to extend a memorandum of understanding with the tribe, so that those first responders continue to have legal access to the land. The barren Stevens Street site has been fenced off and devoid of construction activity since a federal judge in 2016 ruled in favor of 25 plaintiffs – who challenged the federal Department of the Interior and its 2015 decision to place the Taunton land and 170 acres in Mashpee "in trust" as Indian reservation territory.

[SD] Family sues Indian boarding school in Pierre for wrongful death

<<http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2017/10/11/wrongful-death-lawsuit-against-indian-boarding-school-family-girl-who-died-after-suicide-attempt-fed/753904001/>> Argus Leader [10/11/2017 1:34 PM, John Hult, 106K, SD] reports that the family of a girl who died after a suicide attempt at a federal Indian boarding school has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the

federal government. Emerson Little Elk of Todd County says the
Pierre Indian
Learning Center's staff failed to adequately monitor his granddaughter,
who
had a history of depression and threats of suicide, and that the center's
staff was slow to respond when they were informed of her suicide
attempt in
October 2015. The family has charged negligence and asks a jury to
award
compensation for funeral expenses, compensation for pain and
suffering and
attorney fees. The case was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in
South
Dakota. The girl was 14 years old when the incident took place at the
Pierre
boarding school, which is overseen by the Department of Interior's
Bureau of
Indian Education. The school serves Native American students from
first
through eighth grades, focusing on those with behavioral, mental
health and
emotional needs.

[MT] Homeland Hero

<<https://flatheadbeacon.com/2017/10/11/homeland-hero/>> Flathead
Beacon
[10/11/2017 7:00 AM, Tristan Scott, 27K, MT] reports that as a Pikuni
(or
Blackfeet) warrior and veteran of the United States Marines Corps,
Jesse
DesRosier believes it is his duty and obligation to protect his country
and
lands, as well as to uphold the tribe's traditions and culture while
safeguarding its natural resources for future generations.

DesRosier is marshaling resources to defend a critical aspect of
Blackfeet
identity — the natural landscape where Blackfeet derived much of
their
spirituality. Specifically, he and dozens of other Native American
veterans

and active-duty members have petitioned U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to defend a sacred ancestral homeland known as the Badger-Two Medicine, a 130,000-acre area named for the two rivers that define it. DesRosier and other tribal members, as well as numerous conservation groups, are seeking to furnish the wild and sacred Badger-Two Medicine with permanent protections from oil and gas drilling. They're currently calling on the Interior Department to defend the Obama administration's cancellation of the last remaining oil and gas leases and to protect the area in perpetuity.

[AZ] The Largest Coal-Fired Power Plant in the West Is Slated for Closure

<<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2017-6-november-december/feature/largest-coal-fired-power-plant-west-slanted-for-closure>>

Sierra Club
[10/12/2017 4:00

AM, Evelyn Nieves, 227K] reports that Percy Deal, 68, has been fighting the coal industry all of his adult life. In the late 1960s, Peabody Energy started to mine Black Mesa's vast coal deposits. In the process, the company began using billions of gallons of the Navajo Aquifer's water-as much as 3 million gallons a day-to move the coal via a slurry pipeline to the Mohave Generating Station, outside Laughlin, Nevada.

Deal's quest to find answers fueled a career in politics and made him a prominent voice in the grassroots movement to monitor the coal business on the reservation. Now, things are poised to change again as the coal mining and the coal-fired energy production on and around Black Mesa are winding down. The Navajo Generating Station, a 2,250-megawatt coal plant on Navajo land that is the largest coal-fired power plant west of the Mississippi

River, is set to shut down as early as 2019. Since the NGS is the sole customer of Peabody's Kayenta Mine on Black Mesa, that, too, is supposed to close-unless the tribes can find a way to ship coal outside the region, which many industry analysts consider highly unlikely.

[AZ] Navajo Nation President Begaye Testifies before Congress to Fix Problems with 1974 Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act

<<http://nativenewsonline.net/currents/navajo-nation-president-begaye-testifi>

es-congress-fix-problems-1974-navajo-hopi-land-settlement-act/>

Native News

[10/12/2017 12:02 AM, Staff, 57K, MI] reports that on Wednesday, Oct. 4,

President Russell Begaye testified before the House Natural Resources Committee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs supporting HR 2402.

The legislation aims to unencumber Navajo lands that have been encumbered by preference right lease applications (PRLAs). "This important legislation

brings to a close one chapter of a four-decade-old federal statutory obligation to the Navajo Nation that was authorized in the Navajo Hopi

Settlement Act of 1974," President Begaye said.

Introduced by Congressman Ben Ray Luján, HR 2402 is an attempt to rectify a

quandary resulting from the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act of 1974. The 1974 Act

committed Congress to provide the Navajo unencumbered lands that the Nation

would select from federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

[CA] Camp 4 Final Deal Getting Close

<<http://www.independent.com/news/2017/oct/12/camp-4-final-deal-getting-close>

/> Santa Barbara Independent [10/12/2017 5:54 AM, Kelsey Brugger, 81K, CA]

reports that resentment and bitterness has built up for years in the Santa

Ynez Valley. Valley residents have adopted a "just say no" approach to the

Chumash tribe's plans to expand the existing roughly 138-acre reservation.

This tentative agreement surrounds Camp 4, the 1,400-acre property east of

Highway 154.

County supervisors Joan Hartmann and Das Williams met privately with Chumash

chair Ken Kahn and vice chair Raul Armenta for six months after years of

public negotiations failed. The tribe has for six years petitioned the U.S.

government to bring Camp 4 into the reservation, saying they need to build

more housing. Annexation, which was granted on the last day of the Obama

administration, frees the land from the county's firm development codes and

property-tax rolls. The deal would stipulate that the tribe would pay \$178,500 annually while the county would drop its formal opposition.

The property would be divided into 143 one-acre plots, one for each tribal member. The agreement would be in place until 2040, which

Hartmann said is about longest timeframe federal regulators at the Department of the Interior

would likely allow.

Bureau of Land Management

[TN] Villagers help create a 'hidden gem'

<http://www.tellicovillageconnection.com/news/article_178952cc-21d8-5287-8573-c86acd9eb73e.html>

The Connection [10/11/2017 8:00 AM, Staff, TN] reports that nestled in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains and spanning 31 miles along the eastern shore of Tellico Lake, the East Lakeshore Trail provides plenty of opportunity for those in the region to enjoy the outdoors. In 2002, Tennessee Valley Authority sold land for the development of what is now the WindRiver community. A small group of citizens from Tellico Village, Vonore and Greenback voiced concerns about possible damage the new development could cause. From there, the Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir, or WATeR, was born.

"It is an all volunteer, not-for-profit organization whose focus is on water pollution, soil erosion and promoting environmental education and appropriate outdoor recreational pursuits," Bob Martin, WATeR board member, said. "It has sponsored an annual lakeshore cleanup for many years." The East Lakeshore Trail was officially designated as a National Recreation Trail by the United States Department of the Interior on May 30, 2012.

[CO] Legal Protest Targets Trump Fracking Plan That Threatens Colorado River

<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2017/frackin_g-10-11-2017.php>

Center for Biological Diversity [10/11/2017 2:26 PM, Staff, 72K] reports conservation groups on Tuesday challenged a Bureau of Land Management decision to auction off more than 27,000 acres of western Colorado public lands in December for fracking operations. Fracking would

threaten the dwindling water supply in the Colorado River, a water source for about 40 million people. It also would worsen Colorado's air, water and greenhouse gas pollution and further imperil endangered Colorado pikeminnow and razorback sucker. Warming temperatures driven by greenhouse gas pollution have already reduced flows in the Colorado River, which supplies water to seven western states and Mexico. Scientists project that flow declines could exceed 30 percent by mid-century and 55 percent by the end of the century if greenhouse gas emissions continue unabated.

[CO] Suit seeks to stop oil-gas drilling on 9 parcels

<<http://www.postregister.com/articles/west/2017/10/11/suit-seeks-stop-oil-gas-drilling-9-parcels>> Post Register [10/11/2017 8:17 AM, Associated Press, 47K, ID] reports that a Colorado county and three environmental groups have sued the federal government, saying the sale of nine oil and gas leases on public land in southwestern Colorado could harm the threatened Gunnison sage grouse. The lawsuit filed in Denver federal court Tuesday says the federal Bureau of Land Management didn't consult with wildlife managers and didn't conduct required reviews before selling leases in March. The lawsuit asks a judge to invalidate the leases. Agency spokesman Jayson Barangan said officials hadn't seen the lawsuit and couldn't comment. The Gunnison sage grouse was protected under the Endangered Species Act in 2014. Only about 5,000 remain, all in southwestern Colorado and southeastern Utah. The suit

was filed by the San Miguel County commissioners, Rocky Mountain Wild, San Juan Citizens Alliance and Conservation Colorado.

[WY] US government halts Wyoming wild horse roundup amid dispute

<<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/oct/11/us-government-halts-wyoming-wild-horse-roundup-amid-dispute>> The Washington Times [10/11/2017 4:29 PM, Mead Gruver, 3771K] reports the U.S. government has agreed to halt a Wyoming wild horse roundup amid a legal dispute over whether it should count foals toward the roundup quota. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management and roundup opponents agreed in a court filing Tuesday the roundup would stop at 1,560 horses of all ages, a number the BLM was set to reach Wednesday. U.S. District Judge Nancy Freudenthal in Cheyenne was set to rule within days whether to allow the roundup to resume while a lawsuit filed by the opponents moves ahead. The roundup began Sept. 23 and originally was expected to take four to six weeks. The Wild Horse Preservation Campaign and two photographers sued Friday, claiming the BLM was deviating from past practice by not counting captured foals toward the roundup's 1,560-horse limit. A spokeswoman for the BLM's Wyoming State Office, Kristen Lenhardt, declined comment citing agency policy not to comment on pending litigation.

<<http://www.sweetwaternow.com/blm-gathered-1062-horses-12-deaths/>>

SweetwaterNOW [10/11/2017 4:04 PM, Katie Glennemeier, 25K, WY] reports that as of October 10, the project has gathered 1,062 adult horses, 269 foals, and returned 4 animals to the range. Twelve horses been euthanized, all categorized as having chronic or pre-existing conditions diagnosed with a prognosis of "hopeless for recovery" by a veterinarian. Those conditions include conditions like poorly healed fractures, club feet, and deformities. According to the daily reports, the BLM has also shipped 1,148 horses to contracted holding facilities in Rock Springs; Axtell, Utah; and Bruneau, Idaho.

Additional reporting:

<<http://kgab.com/wyoming-wild-horse-roundup-halted/>> KGAB
[10/11/2017 2:36 PM, Associated Press, 16K, WY]

<https://www.heraldandnews.com/news/local_news/blm-working-to-determine-cause-of-wild-horse-deaths/article_9cabb0e2-8e0d-5dd2-82b7-c2cb8f941fd7.html>
Herald and News [10/11/2017 6:45 PM, Staff, 28K, OR]

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Scientists Eavesdrop on Little-known Beaked Whales to Learn How Deeply They Dive

<<http://www.sciencenewsline.com/news/2017101115440026.html>>
ScienceNewsline

[10/11/2017 8:46 PM, Staff, 12K] reports that scientists have reported the first dive depths for Gervais' and True's beaked whales, two of the least known beaked whale species known as mesoplodonts. The study is also the first to use a towed linear hydrophone array to document dive depths for beaked whales, and researchers say it's a promising method to obtain dive depths for other beaked whale species.

The findings by NOAA scientists from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) in Woods Hole, Mass. and a colleague now at Hydroacoustics Inc in Rochester, NY were recently reported in the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America. "Much of what we know about beaked whales and their dive depths is from two or three species, and from a few locations. We know so little about Gervais' and True's beaked whales, but now we know something about how deep they dive and at what depths they are foraging, so this is a step forward," said Annamaria Izzi DeAngelis, lead author of the study and a marine mammal researcher in the passive acoustics group at the NEFSC. The study was funded by NOAA Fisheries, the U.S. Navy N45 Program, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. Data were collected as part of the Atlantic Marine Assessment Program for Protected Species (AMAPPS) program.

[NJ] New Jersey Gov. Christie Rejects President's Offshore Drilling Plan

<https://www.heartland.org/news-opinion/news/new-jersey-gov-christie-rejects>

-presidents-offshore-drilling-plan> The Heartland Institute
[10/12/2017 7:27
AM, Kenneth Artz, IL] reports that Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey
is
officially objecting to President Donald Trump's proposal to open the
Atlantic Ocean coastline to offshore oil and gas exploration and
production.
Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey filed formal objections to President
Donald Trump's proposal to open the Atlantic Ocean coastline to
offshore oil
and gas exploration and production.

In formal comments filed on August 16, the Christie administration
reaffirmed the governor's opposition to any oil and gas production off
the
New Jersey coast, saying it would endanger the state's natural
resources,
coastal communities, and overall economy. New Jersey officials have
long
opposed drilling in the Atlantic, saying they believe any spills could
put
the state's \$700 billion worth of coastal properties at risk. In addition,
New Jersey's \$45 billion shore-based tourism industry and its
commercial
fishing industry, which generates \$8 billion annually and supports
approximately 50,000 jobs, could also be harmed by a spill, state
officials
say. In a letter to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management filed
August 16,
Bob Martin, commissioner of New Jersey's Department of
Environmental
Protection, outlined the state's opposition to any offshore drilling.

Bureau of Reclamation

[AZ] The Sierra Club's Shadowy History with the Navajo Generating
Station

<[http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/sierra-club-s-shadowy-history-
navajo-gener](http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/sierra-club-s-shadowy-history-navajo-gener)

ating-station> Sierra Club [10/12/2017 7:27 AM, Bill Corcoran, CA]
reports
that when, in 2009, the Sierra Club launched a campaign pressing for
the
closure of the Navajo Generating Station, a massive power plant in the
Four
Corners region, the move seemed in-line with the organization's new
priorities in the age of climate change. The Club's Beyond Coal
campaign was
beginning to hit its strides in halting or retiring coal-burning power
plants nationwide, and the Navajo Generating Station, the largest coal
plant
west of the Mississippi River and the seventh largest source of carbon
pollution in the United States, was a natural target.

While the Sierra Club had been working with Navajo and Hopi
community
leaders over many decades on a variety of issues, there had not been a
clearing of the air about the organization's history regarding Navajo
Generating Station. As the advocacy targeting the plant intensified,
tribal
activists rightly called for an airing of that history to ensure that the
Sierra Club did not repeat past mistakes.

The story begins like this: In the early to mid-1960s, the Sierra Club
spearheaded a national campaign to prevent construction of two
hydroelectric
dams in the Grand Canyon. For the Arizona political elite and the
federal
Bureau of Reclamation, the proposed dams would be the keystone of
the
Central Arizona Project—a massive infrastructure scheme to enrich
agricultural and development interests by getting water and electricity
to
the booming cities of Phoenix and Tucson.

[Editorial note: consult source link for additional commentary]

Fish and Wildlife Service

250 Years After Washington Drained It, Feds Soak A Swamp

<<https://www.wfdd.org/story/250-years-after-washington-drained-it-feds-soak-swamp>> 88.5 WFDD [10/11/2017 1:17 PM, Ben Finley, 8K, NC] reports that this is a story about a future president who tried to drain a swamp, and government workers who are making it wet again. By returning the habitat to its natural state, they just might keep the Great Dismal Swamp from heating up the planet. It was a young George Washington, working as a surveyor 254 years ago, who saw profits in the wetlands straddling the Virginia-North Carolina border. The seemingly impenetrable swamp had been dismissed as a deadly morass where explorers vanished and runaway slaves escaped. Today, scientists have discovered that the swamp's peat soil is a vital piece of the climate change puzzle, able to either contain or release a greenhouse gas that causes global warming. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is trying to undo damage by gradually "rewetting" the swamp. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the last two big fires at the Great Dismal Swamp released an estimated total of 6.2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide – more than the annual output of a million cars.

The
<http://democratherald.com/news/national/years-after-washington-drained-it-feds-soak-a-swamp/article_7d5a0d2d-b6f3-57ab-b1ce-e341db202c91.html> Albany Democrat-Herald [10/11/2017 11:59 AM, Ben Finley, 49K, OR] reports that now a years-long project is under way to make the swamp wet again in the 113,000-acre national wildlife refuge in Virginia and North Carolina, where

ditches dug to reach lumber dried out the peat, releasing climate-changing carbon and making wildfires more frequent. Scientists say that when peat is in its naturally wet state, it holds onto carbon from plants that have died over the course of centuries. Dried-out peat, however, releases that carbon into the atmosphere, contributing to global warming.

Mussel, once feared extinct, brought back to Ohio River

<http://www.outdoornews.com/2017/10/11/mussel-feared-extinct-brought-back-ohio-river/> Outdoor News [10/11/2017 11:29 AM, Associated Press, 18K, MN] A century ago, the mussel, named for the color of its inner shell and a small protuberance on its outer shell that resembles a feline foot, was also once found in streams as distant as Illinois, Indiana and Alabama, according to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fact sheet. In announcing the mussel's endangered status, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declared that, unless reproducing populations of the purple cat's paw could be found or developed, "the species will become extinct in the foreseeable future." With the world's only known population of purple cat's paw pearlymusselsbarely numbering two dozen, "a decision was made to relocate them and breed them in captivity and not to just rely on nature," said Michael Schramm, public outreach specialist for Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

Bee-Killing Pesticide Found in 75 Percent of Global Honey Samples

<<http://gearsofbiz.com/bee-killing-pesticide-found-in-75-percent-of-global-honey-samples/118833>> Gears Of Biz [10/11/2017 12:21 PM, Helen Clark, 223K] reports that there's nothing sweet at all about the results of a recent study of honey from around the world. In samples from every continent except Antarctica, traces of neonicotinoid pesticides were found in 75 percent of them – even in honey from remote places like Tahiti. Almost half the samples contained at least two different types of pesticides.

The contamination rates were highest in North America, where a shocking 86 percent of the honey samples contained at least one neonicotinoid. For Asia, it was 80 percent; for Europe, 70 percent. The rate was lowest in South America (57 percent). In the study, published this month in the journal Science, researchers from the University of Neuchatel in Switzerland tested honey collected by citizen scientists from nearly 200 sites around the world. Earlier this month, the NRDC announced it is suing the Environmental Protection Agency for approving the use of neonicotinoids without consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ascertain the insecticides' impact on threatened or endangered species. The failure to do so is in violation of the federal Endangered Species Act.

[KY] Bald Eagle Population Soars in Kentucky

<<http://beforeitsnews.com/outdoors/2017/10/bald-eagle-population-soars-in-kentucky-2477411.html>> Before It's News [10/11/2017 10:26 AM, Meredith Abercrombie, 578K] reports that the bald eagle population in Kentucky continues to flourish, with 164 nesting pairs recorded so far in 2017,

according to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. This is twice as many as seven years ago.

There are multiple factors that have contributed to the rise in the eagle population. The ban of DDT, a pesticide that caused eagle eggs to become fragile, has improved their health significantly. This, along with the nationwide reintroduction program for the birds and an increase in suitable habitats in the state such as water reservoirs and large wetlands, has helped the once-fleeting population come back to Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources reports. This trend is also common nationwide, with breeding pairs increasing since the implementation of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

[SD] The only ND man indicted in a SD sting for selling eagle parts is in custody

<<http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/4342142-only-nd-man-indicted-sd-sting-selling-eagle-parts-custody>> Grand Forks Herald [10/11/2017 4:38 PM, Barry Amundson, 87K, ND] A man who was the only North Dakotan to be indicted in an undercover operation where 15 people were indicted recently for selling and purchasing eagle and other protected migratory bird parts has denied the charges in a court appearance in federal court in Pierre. Sheldon Tree Top, 43, of Mandan, who faces up to two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, was taken into custody last Friday by the U.S. Marshal Service pending his trial. No trial date has been set. He entered a not guilty plea at the hearing. In a two-year operation, an informant with the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service purchased protected eagle parts, as well as those from other migratory birds in danger, from a number of people mostly in South Dakota starting in 2014 and lasting into 2016.

[MT] Controversy Over Grizzly Bear Protection Continues

<<http://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2017/10/11/grizzly-bear-protection-montana>>
90.9 WBUR [10/11/2017 12:26 PM, Cooper McKim, 783K, MA] reports that federal officials are considering removing grizzly bears in a northern Montana region from the endangered species list. This comes on the heels of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decision to delist bears in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem – which took decades to resolve. But, the debate is far from over. Several groups have filed lawsuits to stop the switch and keep the grizzlies under federal management. Wyoming Public Radio's Cooper McKim reports.

[Editorial note: consult source link for audio]

[CA] Opinion: Tiny Mouse Is Huge Success Story for Endangered Species Act

<<https://timesofsandiego.com/opinion/2017/10/11/tiny-mouse-huge-success-story-endangered-species-act/>> Times of San Diego [10/11/2017 5:15 PM, Brett Hartl, 60K, CA] reports hikers exploring the canyons and bluffs of Laguna Coast Wilderness Park may not know it, but they are in the midst of the incredible comeback of one of California's most endangered species. Pacific

pocket mice recently released into the San Joaquin Hills by the San Diego Zoo have begun breeding on their own. It's a milestone for this tiny animal once thought extinct and a testament to the power of the Endangered Species Act. Habitat loss from development decimated the population to the point that it was believed to be extinct. Luckily a small population was "rediscovered" in 1993. They quickly received emergency endangered species protection from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and a captive breeding program was initiated shortly after.

US Forest Service

Wildfires: How They Form, And Why They're So Dangerous

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/10/wildfire-california-danger-environment-spd/>> National Geographic News [10/11/2017 2:27 PM, Austa Somvichian-Clausen, 10973K] reports as deadly wildfires continue to rage across Northern California's wine country, with winds picking up speed overnight and worsening conditions to now include a combined 54,000 acres of torched land, it now seems more important than ever to understand how wildfires work, and their lasting implications on our health and the environment. Though the exact source of Sonoma County's wildfires is unclear, authorities have pointed to the fact that 95 percent of fires in the state of California are started by people, according to CNN. Meteorologists aren't yet able to forecast wildfire outbreaks, but there are three conditions that must be present in order for a wildfire to burn. Firefighters refer to it as the fire triangle: fuel, oxygen, and a heat source.

The suppression of naturally occurring, low-intensity forest fires has

actually aided in the ability for high-intensity wildfires to run rampant. In the first half of the 20th century, the U.S. Forest Service suffered from what historian Stephen Pyne calls "Pyrophobia," or the desire to suppress all wildfires. In some places, the path toward a safer, more ecologically sound relationship with fire is being blazed with prescribed fire, and what's being called by officials as "Managed wildfire." Fire crews put their efforts to suppress wildfires around the most fire-prone areas, such as communities, municipal watersheds, and sequoia groves. Otherwise they are learning to let some fires burn themselves out, as nature intended.

[NH] White Mountains forest fire still burning a week later

<<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/10/11/white-mountains-forest-fire-has-burned-for-week/YwrgyRqhDY8HldsikVs9JI/story.html>> Boston Globe
[10/11/2017 12:55 PM, Ben Thompson, 4047K, MA] reports that a forest fire that has burned for more than one week on a cliff in Woodstock, N.H., still covers around 70 acres and will continue to smolder until extinguished by heavy precipitation, the U.S. Forest Service said. "While rain over the weekend and holiday helped to dampen the fire's intensity, the fire is not out," U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Tiffany Bennasaid in a statement Tuesday. "Due to the very steep rugged terrain and fuels in the burn, this fire will continue to burn at various intensities until extinguished by a rain or snow event."

"The fire continues to retain heat and to burn in the duff and root systems," White Mountain National Forest acting Deputy Forest Supervisor Joe Koloski said in the statement. "Weather will play a large role in the fire's

behavior over the next few weeks." The blaze first broke out early last Tuesday morning on Dilly Cliff near Lost River Gorge in Woodstock, and local, state, and federal firefighters have been on scene since then working to contain the fire.

[SC] More than 150 roads in need of repair around National Forest

<<http://counton2.com/2017/10/11/more-than-150-roads-in-need-of-repair-around-national-forest/>> Count On News 2 [10/11/2017 7:02 PM, Rebecca Collett, 66K, SC] reports potholes pepper the roads through the Francis Marion National Forest. Severe flooding in 2015 coupled with Hurricane Matthew in 2016, led to widespread erosion and damage impacting 157 National Forest System roads. Amid a News 2 investigation into the road problems, the National Forest Service release information they are working to fix the problems. "The Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest has been aware of our road system needs and has been taking steps to address this need," according to Francis Marion National Forest Acting District Ranger Warren Tucker. The agency recently awarded two contracts to fix the biggest problems. Priority will be given to arterial roads, roads within established school bus routes, roads leading to private residences and roads identified as emergency evacuation routes.

[IN] Region parks, parkways to lose hundreds of trees

<http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/region-parks-parkways-to-lose-hundreds-of-f-trees/article_253abbc2-91f6-59c0-bc4d-02e2aa7aac94.html> Times of Northwest Indiana [10/12/2017 5:00 AM, Ed Bierschenk, 212K, IN] reports that trees are beginning to show off their colorful fall finery, but unfortunately for hundreds of them, it will be their last appearance in parks and parkways in Hammond and other communities in Lake and Porter counties. Leaves actually already have left many of these trees, as they succumbed to the larvae of emerald ash borers that have decimated trees through much of Northwest Indiana and the nation.

Some 50 years after The Beatles invaded America, another set of invaders are leaving their mark on the U.S. This time the tune the beetles are singing could be titled, "I Want to Eat Your Land," and is not music to the ears of tree lovers. Hundreds of ash trees throughout Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties have come down over the last several years, and more will come down in the coming years. In Gary, summer interns with the city's Green Team, urban conservation team members and U.S. Forest Service workers tagged infested trees in public areas, including the Broadway corridor, GreenLink trail, and Barnes, Gateway, Jackson and Reed parks.

[OR] Forest Service needs to alter their procedures

<http://www.nrtoday.com/opinion/letters/forest-service-needs-to-alter-their-procedures/article_c041d941-786b-5801-96fa-b332289d1993.html> News Review Today [10/11/2017 2:25 PM, Don Wilson, 36K, OR] reports that I found it disturbing that a Forest Service official stated that about 75 percent of

the North Umpqua fires were "good" and just cleaned out the
underbrush. Was
it planned that way, or were we just lucky? I suspect the latter. I'm sure
had areas been thinned, the taxpayers would have gotten a break from
the
timber sold, plus the fire would have been easier to contain - which
would
have saved money, and smoke wouldn't have filled the air for weeks,
even if
thinning slash were burned, because managers can choose days when
winds are
favorable. It seems to me if the Forest Service had an aggressive
commercial
thinning program 10,000 to 20,000 acres a year - yes, even cutting
some big
old trees, where managers decided when, where, what and how trees
were
removed - that the vital resources, soils, water and air would be better
protected than if left to the whim of a lightning bolt.

[CA] Drought and heat, worsened by humans, help fuel California
fires

<<https://www.aol.com/article/news/2017/10/11/drought-and-heat-worsened-by-humans-help-fuel-california-fires/23239738/>> Aol. [10/11/2017 7:31
AM, James
Rainey, 15926K] reports that it may take weeks to determine the spark
that
touched off each of the firestorms that consumed hunks of more than a
dozen
California communities this week. But the consensus in the scientific
community is that the conditions that cleared a path for the tsunami of
flame were made by humans. Decades of aggressive firefighting left
too much
fuel on the ground. And more than a century of carbon emissions
exacerbated
the state's drought and the record high temperatures that baked brush
and
timber to an explosive dryness.

The damage from the wind-driven flames – which destroyed thousands of buildings and killed at least 17 people – is also more grievous because of another man-made initiative: building more and more homes in hilly communities adjacent to brush and woodlands. The early 1900s brought a public campaign for fire suppression after a series of deadly blazes. The U.S. created the national Forest Service, whose founding mission was to suppress fire on public lands. "Consequently, there is now a forest 'fire deficit' in the western United States attributable to the combined effects of human activities, ecological, and climate changes," a paper by Jennifer R. Marlon of Yale's School on Forestry and Environmental Studies, concludes.

<https://www.democracynow.org/2017/10/11/as_deadly_wildfires_rage_in_california> Democracy Now [10/11/2017 11:57 AM, Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez, 359K, IL] In California, powerful winds and bone-dry conditions are fueling massive wildfires. The wildfires come after the US Forest Service warned last year that an unprecedented 5-year drought led to the deaths of more than 100 million trees in California, setting the stage for massive fires. Climate scientists believe human-caused global warming played a major role in the drought. Park Williams, bioclimatologist at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and co-author of a 2016 report, shows that global warming is responsible for nearly half of the forest area burned in the western United States over the past three decades.

[Editorial note: consult source link for video]

[CA] The Napa Fire Is a Perfectly Normal Apocalypse

<https://www.wired.com/story/the-napa-fire-is-a-perfectly-normal-apocalypse/>

Wired [10/11/2017 7:00 AM,
Adam Rogers, 13620K, CA]
reports that no one

yet knows the cause of the more than a
dozen fires ablaze around California,
but fires start where humans meet the wild forests, where people build
for
solitude or space or beauty. Things go wrong in those liminal spaces,
at the
interface between the wilds and the built.

This past weekend it was Napa and Sonoma, and the town of Santa
Rosa. At
least 15 people are dead. More than 1,500 houses are gone. Pushed by
the
wind, fires can throw burning embers a mile and a half ahead. The fire
front
starts moving faster than anyone can respond, jumping from ridgeline
to
ridgeline. A fire's progress through the forests and wildlands of North
America isn't exactly formulaic, but scientists understand it reasonably
well. "A wildfire typically doesn't last in one spot more than a minute
or
two. In grass it can be like 10 seconds," says Mark Finney, a U.S.
Forest
Service researcher at the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory. "But
structures
can burn for a long time. That means they have a long time to be able
to
spread the fire, to be able to ignite adjacent structures." They throw off
embers as they decompose, and those wide walls emit and transfer
heat.

[CA] Bulldozing Forests Isn't the Answer to Controlling California's
Wildfires. Here's What Is.

<<http://fortune.com/2017/10/11/wildfires-in-california/>> Fortune [10/11/2017 3:14 PM, Steve Pyne, 8011K] reports on October 8, 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, the first European to explore California, sighted smoke around San Pedro Bay. We've been sighting smoke in California and commenting on it ever since. The outbreak of wildfires in Napa and Sonoma, Calif. 475 years later reminds us that we may need to keep commenting until we truly learn what those smokes are signaling. They tell us that California is intrinsically fire-prone and that people have to live there in ways that accommodate this reality. For some fires, one factor may matter more than others, but they are all present. Still, two factors are particularly immediate and amenable, and they are the focus of a national cohesive strategy the American fire community has tried to promote. The first is that rural communities and exurban enclaves are towns and should be treated by the same codes and zoning that had taken fire out of America's long-combustible cities. The second is trickier because it involves cultural values and the landscapes that have become the breeding ground for fire.

[CA] Forest Service visitor-use surveys begin

<http://www.trinityjournal.com/news/local/article_ab1e4248-ae23-11e7-af1b-6f95cbebd47c.html> The Trinity Journal [10/11/2017 9:15 AM, Staff, 4K, CA] reports that beginning in October 2017 and continuing through September 2018, volunteers in orange vests standing near signs saying "Traffic Survey Ahead" will be asking motorists at various locations across the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to participate in a visitor-use survey. The

purpose of this survey is to determine what activities visitors pursue on National Forest System lands, how visitors evaluate the quality of their trips, and recreationists' opinions about facilities and management policies.

The information collected is useful for national forest management planning as well as local community tourism. Survey participation is voluntary, responses are confidential and surveys will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. When survey volunteers have the opportunity to speak with local people who use the forest, as well as out-of-area visitors, then all types of visitors may be represented in the study.

US Geological Survey

[WY] Geologists Map the Plumbing Beneath Yellowstone's Old Faithful Geyser

<<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/seeing-beneath-old-faithful-18096>
5230/> Smithsonian [10/11/2017 11:04 AM, Ben Panko, 3009K]
Dubbed "Old Faithful" in 1870, this natural wonder produces bursts of water every 60 to 110 minutes that spurt more than 100 feet in the air. But exactly what supplies the regular eruptions of water? In the new study, published in the journal Geophysical Research Letters, geologists took a more passive tact, writes Sean Reichard of Yellowstone Insider. They scattered 133 seismographs across a 250-acre region surrounding Old Faithful to measure the tiny vibrations the water and steam make as they move underneath the geyser. Over the course of two weeks, geologists tracked these tiny tremors, using them to measure the reservoir beneath Old Faithful. It turns out, it was surprisingly large, spanning more than 650 feet across and holding more than

79 million gallons of water-far more than the roughly 8,000 gallons released by the geyser in each of its eruptions. Water is heated by magma that underlies this massive chamber as the pressure climbs; the water is eventually ejected out of the surface cracks in a column of scorching-hot water.

[WY] 'Supervolcano' Under Yellowstone May Have Planet-Killing Potential

<<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2017/10/11/supervolcano-yellowstone-national-park/>> CBS New York [10/11/2017 12:56 PM, Staff, 1220K, NY] reports according to reports, a "Supervolcano" sleeping underneath Yellowstone National Park has the destructive capability to send the entire planet into a volcanic winter. Even more unnerving, researchers believe that the Yellowstone volcano could be ready to erupt within the next few decades. Researchers at Arizona State University have presented new data that claims pressure beneath Yellowstone may build up much quicker than previously thought. The findings are changing the timetable for a potential eruption from thousands of years to as early as the 2030's. In the hopes of preventing the next global catastrophe, NASA has been working on a complicated plan to cool down the fiery time bomb. According to reports, NASA is looking to drill down into the great volcano to open a path for water to be pumped in. The plan may also unlock a new source of geothermal energy for use.

<<https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/yellowstone-supervolcanos-nasty-surprise-only-decades-to-prepare-for-an-eruption/ar-AA7Kb>> MSN

[10/11/2017 2:20 PM, Trevor Nace, 880K] reports that scientists have
relied
upon is that when Yellowstone's supervolcano begins to rumble and its
magma
chambers begin to fill, we would have centuries to prepare for the
devastating eruption. Recent studies find that the speed at which the
volcano can fill its magma chamber and erupt is on the order of a few
decades. That means Yellowstone supervolcano could go from its
usual
activity like today to erupting in 2032s.

Additional reporting:

<<http://latestnewsnetwork.com/build-up-to-yellowstone-eruption-could-take-just-10-years/>> LatestNewsNetwork [10/11/2017 10:12 AM, Staff, 8K]

<<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2017/10/11/supervolcano-yellowstone-national-park/>> CBS Philly [10/11/2017 12:56 PM, Staff, 838K, PA] reports
that
with so much talk lately

National Park Service

National parks need investment from private companies to thrive

<http://www.elkharttruth.com/opinion/national-parks-need-investment-from-private-companies-to-thrive/article_be6597ee-0ca7-5628-9593-63d1c8f3aaa8.html>
Elkhart Truth [10/12/2017 6:00 AM, Frank Hugelmeyer and Thomas Dammrich, 13K, IN] reports that with fall upon us, millions of Americans will
head to
America's iconic public lands and waters to soak up what's left of
warmer

weather and get a glimpse of fall's renowned foliage. Ensuring
Americans'
ability to enjoy our country's outdoor spaces is big business and
critical
to the \$887 billion outdoor recreation industry. Given their significant
role in providing healthy, outdoor recreation for Americans and the
millions
of jobs and thousands of small businesses they support, it's time our
national parks, waterways and other public outdoor spaces get the
attention
they deserve.

In recent months, the decision by the Trump Administration to review
the
size of 27 National Monuments has spurred an important debate. Yet,
there is
a much greater threat to the nation's recreation economy looming than
monument borders and it is an issue that receives little to no attention.
Improvements to our outdated recreation infrastructure have gone
largely
unaddressed by both political parties for decades, no matter who lives
in
the White House or is in the majority on Capitol Hill. The good news
is
Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is trying something different. He has
laid out
a course of action that addresses the nearly \$20 billion maintenance
backlog
crippling many of our outdoor spaces and emphasizes the need to
modernize
services, lodging, marinas and campgrounds.

No more parks?

<<http://www.sierraclub.org/lay-of-the-land/2017/10/no-more-parks>>

Sierra
Club [10/11/2017 11:58 AM, Emily Lande, 227K] On Wednesday,
October 11th,
the House Natural Resources Committee is going to take a vote on a
piece of
legislation that Chairman Rob Bishop and his anti-parks caucus have
been

building towards for years. This bill, H.R. 3990, would gut the Antiquities Act, one of the key tools for public lands protection that has been used by 16 Presidents, democrat and republican, since it became law in 1906. With Secretary of the Interior Zinke's sham monuments review we saw them going after existing monuments; this bill goes after future monuments by making it next to impossible for any president to designate a monument ever again.

[NY] Stonewall National Monument's rainbow flag plan was going fine, then things got weird

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2017/10/11/stonewall-national-monuments-rainbow-flag-plan-was-going-fine-then-things-got-weird/?utm_term=.70cbe1784d5e Washington Post [10/11/2017 6:01 PM, Juliet Eilperin and Darryl Fears, 967K] reports the plan to celebrate the rainbow flag flying over Stonewall National Monument was going smoothly. Then things got weird. Activists had pressed for months to get the flag - a long-standing symbol of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community - hoisted atop the flagpole adjacent to the national monument that President Barack Obama designated last year to commemorate the LGBT civil rights movement. The National Park Service agreed to do it, providing a flag that went up Sept. 28, and it worked with activists to put on an event commemorating the act on Wednesday, which was also National Coming Out Day. Joshua Laird, commissioner of the National Parks of New York Harbor, said in an interview

Wednesday that Interior Department officials had made "an inquiry" late last week to his office to determine whether the rainbow flag would be the first one to fly on the ground of a national monument.

NPS officials determined that the flagpole was on city property, rather than the 7.7-acre patch of land in Christopher Park that constitutes the monument itself. Laird emphasized that the rainbow flag was never removed and that the National Park Service has donated it to the city. He said that Interior Department officials in Washington did want to know whether "it was accurate" that the rainbow flag would set a precedent by flying on federal property but that he would not describe administration officials as raising "a concern" about it. "It's still up, it's still flying there," Laird said of the flag. "Visitors to Stonewall National Monument will see it, and 99 percent of them will not care if it's on our property or property."

The
<[http://www.sfchronicle.com/news/us/article/Rainbow-flag-flies-at-US-monumen](http://www.sfchronicle.com/news/us/article/Rainbow-flag-flies-at-US-monumen-t-but-not-on-12271009.php)
t-but-not-on-12271009.php> San Francisco Chronicle [10/11/2017
4:19 PM,
Staff, 1991K, CA] reports gay rights activists who worked to get a rainbow flag installed at the new Stonewall National Monument in New York City are upset the National Park Service says the flag isn't actually on federal land but on city property. The distinction may seem like a minor one because the flag is flying either way. The group that lobbied for the flag to be flown at the site says the Park Service's announcement the city, not the federal government, would be maintaining the flag seems like a betrayal.

<https://boston.edgemedianetwork.com/news/national/250157/trump_admins_national_park_service_kills_support_of_rainbow_flag_dedication_at_stonewall_monument> Edge Media Network [10/11/2017 2:11 PM, Staff, 2615K, MA] reports that the National Park Service (NPS), which had originally approved and sponsored a ceremony to be held Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. at Stonewall National Monument to dedicate the Rainbow flag, has suddenly withdrawn. The event, however, will go on. LGBT activists planning the event with NPS officials cite bureaucratic homophobia for the last-minute change in plans, as the Trump Administration has systematically rolled back LGBT rights at the federal level since January. This historic event had originally been planned as the first time that the LGBT flag will wave over federally-funded land, under the permanent stewardship of the National Park Service. NPS personnel were scheduled to speak at the event, but will no longer be in attendance.

[NC] Mysterious debris washes ashore in Hatteras, leading to a lot of questions

<https://pilotonline.com/news/local/aeronautical-debris-possibly-from-a-rock-et-washes-ashore-in-hatteras/article_133984be-00b4-556d-8449-14140254166e.html> Virginian-Pilot [10/11/2017 10:29 AM, Jeff Hampton, 633K, VA] reports that rough surf on the Outer Banks just keeps on giving. A piece of aeronautical debris washed ashore Sunday evening in Hatteras Village. It's white, about 15 feet long and maybe 10 feet wide, made of metal and synthetic material. The rounded piece had a serial number on it and appears

broken from off from something else. It did not have many barnacles
on the
surface indicating it had not been in the water long.

Photographer Erin Everlee and her neighbors found the object. They
called
authorities with the National Park Service and later began an internet
search. Rocket fairings – protective nose cones – are jettisoned after
the
rocket gets beyond the earth's atmosphere. Park rangers loaded the
piece
onto a flatbed truck and hauled it away. Air Force authorities were
glad to
help, and said they would let them know what it was soon.

[TN] Chimney Tops Trail reopens

<<http://www.smokymountainnews.com/outdoors/item/20963-chimney-tops-trail-reopens>> Smoky Mountain News [10/11/2017 4:03 PM, Staff, 10K, NC]
reports that
for the first time in nearly a year, the Chimney Tops Trail in the Great
Smoky Mountains National Park is open to hikers. The trail was
closed off
last November when a small fire was discovered on the rugged
Chimney Tops
pinnacle, and when that fire metastasized into a fiery blaze that swept
down
through the park and into Gatlinburg, it severely damaged the summit,
resulting in long-term trail closure.

The final quarter-mile of trail that once led to the Chimney Tops
pinnacles
is still closed, due to heavy fire damage resulting in safety concerns.
However, the trail is now open as far as a newly developed
observation point
that offers views of Mount LeConte and the Chimney Tops pinnacles.
The Road
Prong Trail, whose closure had coincided with that of Chimney Tops,
is now
open as well. "We are excited to complete the work on the Chimney
Tops Trail

in time for the fall color season in Great Smoky Mountains National Park," said Acting Superintendent Clay Jordan.

[MS] Barrier islands to remain closed after Nate

<<http://www.wtvm.com/story/36576102/barrier-islands-to-remain-closed-after-n>

ate> WTVM [10/11/2017 6:44 PM, Joyce Philippe, 55K, GA] reports that

Mississippi barrier islands will remain closed after post-hurricane assessments revealed moderate to significant damage in multiple areas. The

initial evaluations took place at West Ship and Horn Islands.

Additional inspections will need to be completed on the other islands before they can

be reopened to the public.

A structural engineering team from the National Park Service will arrive in

the area on Thursday to begin formal assessments. The team will survey the

Davis Bayou fishing pier, government dock, boardwalks and overlooks, as well

as the infrastructure at West Ship and Horn Islands on Friday.

Mississippi's barrier islands are managed by Gulf Islands National Seashore under the

National Park Service. NPS officials say that all properties will open for

public use once necessary repairs are completed.

[TX] New EPA Rule Will Allow Twice The Pollution From Texas Coal Plants

<<http://hpper.org/post/new-epa-rule-will-allow-twice-pollution-texas-coal-plants>> High Plains Public Radio [10/11/2017 10:12 PM, Jonathan Baker, 5K, TX] reports that a new rule enacted by Donald Trump's EPA will allow coal plants to increase the amount of pollution they pump into the atmosphere, reports The Texas Observer. The new rule will allow coal power plants to emit almost twice as much sulfur dioxide as the previous restrictions instituted by the Obama Administration.

Sulfur dioxide is known to exacerbate respiratory illnesses like asthma, and the pollutant is a major contributor to acid rain. The substance famously created haze problems in Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains national parks. Texas resisted the previous pollution rule under the previous administration, until the Obama White House ultimately forced Texas to comply. In response, Texas sued. Now, it appears Texas coal plants have won the day.

[MT] Glacier National Park sets annual attendance record

<http://mtstandard.com/news/state-and-regional/glacier-national-park-sets-annual-attendance-record/article_05b42339-2692-5703-a28a-7a81f1b702ab.html> Montana Standard [10/11/2017 1:45 PM, Associated Press, 36K, MT] reports National Park Service statistics show that more than 3 million people visited Glacier National Park so far this year, making 2017 the busiest year in park history. The Flathead Beacon reported Tuesday that 3.3 million people had visited the park through September, a nearly 13-percent increase

during the same nine-month period in 2016. Last year, the park fell short of the 3 million mark by just 37,000 visitors. Total visitation in September, however, was down compared to the same month last year due to a fire that closed a large swath of the west side of the park, including the popular Going-to-the-Sun Road.

[WY] September 3rd busiest in Yellowstone's history

<<http://billingsgazette.com/lifestyles/recreation/september-rd-busiest-in-ye>

[llowstone-s-history/article_b11ec58c-9902-5359-804b-8c3a94a990df.html](http://billingsgazette.com/lifestyles/recreation/september-rd-busiest-in-ye)>

Billings Gazette [10/11/2017 12:20 PM, Staff, 195K, MT] reports that Yellowstone National Park hosted 640,068 visits in September, the third busiest on record, but down 8.79 percent from September 2016. Visits may have declined due to several days of snowy weather. Road closures resulting from snow, ice and avalanche danger occurred on seven days. Portions of the Beartooth Highway were also closed from Sept. 15 to 28.

So far in 2017, the park has hosted 3,872,776 visits, down 2.47 percent from the same period in 2016 (which was the highest on record). Even with the decline, year-to-date visitation in 2017 is 19.6 percent higher than five years ago.

[WY] Traffic accident kills 4 bison in Grand Teton park

<<http://www.postregister.com/articles/west/2017/10/11/traffic-accident-kills>

-4-bison-grand-teton-park> Post Register [10/11/2017 8:19 AM, Associated Press, 47K, ID] reports that Grand Teton National Park rangers are investigating a traffic accident that left four bison dead in northwest Wyoming. The accident occurred Oct. 2 in the park on a foggy night on U.S. 26/89/191 when a pickup truck hit one bison on the highway, rolled and then struck and killed three more nearby bison.

The National Park Service says the Casper woman who was driving alone escaped with minor injuries. Park spokesman Andrew White tells the Jackson Hole News & Guide that a citation has not been issued but isn't out of the question if it's determined the motorist was traveling too fast for the conditions. Wildlife-vehicle collisions are common on the highway, which has posted speed limit of 45 mph at night.

[WY] Yellowstone Death Linked to a Search for Forrest Fenn's Treasure

<<http://www.kcwy13.com/content/news/Yellowstone-Death-Linked-to-a-Search-for-Forrest-Fenns-Treasure--450461673.html>> KCWY [10/11/2017 11:26 PM, Penny Preston, 15K, WY] reports that Yellowstone National Park is confirming the first death there this year was connected to a search for the Forrest Fenn treasure. Forrest Fenn, a New Mexico art collector, hid a box with jewels and coins worth millions in the Rockies. Two men died while searching for the treasure in New Mexico. 53-year old Jeff Murphy reportedly started his day hike in Yellowstone on Rescue Creek trail June 7th, 2017. But, a park press release said Murphy's wife reported him missing the next day, so the

search for Murphy began. On June 9th, searchers found Murphy's body. Park spokeswoman Morgan Warthin said he apparently died from a fall.

[WY] 'UFO' Sighted Zig-Zagging Over Yellowstone Supervolcano

<<http://beforeitsnews.com/survival/2017/10/ufo-sighted-zig-zagging-over-yell-owstone-supervolcano-2680071.html>> Before It's News [10/11/2017 8:12 AM, Staff, 578K] A new video has surfaced on YouTube which shows what appears to be a UFO zig-zagging it's way over the Yellowstone supervolcano in northern Wyoming. Yellowstone has long been a hotspot for alien sightings and UFO enthusiasts. The famed Yellowstone volcano has garnered national interest in recent months, especially over the summer when more than 400 earthquakes hit in one week near the volcano. Experts at the U.S. Geological Survey say the risk of the Yellowstone supervolcano erupting is quite low, with a probability of one in 730,000.

[WY] Devils Tower plans prescribed fire

<http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/devils-tower-plans-prescribed-fire/article_9c1031a2-0a8a-5890-82f1-d136c37b4553.html> Rapid City Journal [10/11/2017 7:00 AM, Staff, 107K, SD] reports that Devils Tower National Monument will implement a prescribed burn this fall as conditions permit, according to a news release. Fire management officials from the Northern

Great Plains Fire Office and Devils Tower National Monument plan to burn 171 acres in the North Terrace Unit during the next few weeks. The last time a prescribed burn was completed in the North Terrace Unit was during the fall of 2005.

The burn is needed to remove buildup of dead fuels and woody herbaceous growth, and encourage the growth of native prairie grasses and forbs. If conditions are not acceptable on the scheduled day of the burn, it will be postponed until desirable conditions return.

[WY] Experts expect record year for lake trout removal

<<http://www.postregister.com/articles/west/2017/10/11/experts-expect-record-year-lake-trout-removal>> Post Register [10/11/2017 8:20 AM, Mark Davis, 47K, ID] reports that the cutthroat trout conservation team at Yellowstone National Park expects to break a record this year, ridding Yellowstone Lake of more than 360,000 lake trout. The high mark was set last year, with 358,000 removed from the lake. "They're on a record pace," said Jonathan Shafer, Yellowstone public affairs officer.

There are 35 to 40 miles of nets in the lake every day during the mid-May to mid-October effort. Crews made up of both Park Service employees and subcontractors man the nets six days a week in an attempt to crash the lake trout population. Nearly 3 million lake trout have been removed since the program began.

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[PR] Three weeks since Hurricane Maria, much of Puerto Rico still
dark,
thirsty and frustrated

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/three-weeks-since-hurricane-maria-much-of-puerto-rico-still-dark-dry-frustrated/2017/10/11/3a263b22-ade7-11e7-9e58-e6288544af98_story.html?utm_term=.ac16cf50cd17>

Washington Post

[10/11/2017 7:56 PM, Manuel Roig-Franzia and Arelis R. Hernández]
reports it
has been three weeks since Hurricane Maria savaged Puerto Rico, and
life in
the capital city of San Juan inches toward something that remotely
resembles
a new, uncomfortable form of normalcy. Roughly half of Puerto
Ricans have no
working cellphone service, creating islands of isolation within the
island
and cutting off hundreds of thousands of people in regions outside the
largest metropolitan areas from regular contact with their families, aid
groups, medical care and the central government. Accompanying that
vision of
the future are worries about outbreaks of diseases such as scabies and
Zika,
which is transmitted by mosquitoes breeding in standing water. Just 63
percent of the island's residents have access to clean drinking water,
and
only 60 percent of wastewater treatment plants are operating,
according to
figures released by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

[PR] Puerto Rico's hurricane death toll rises to 45

<<http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/11/us/puerto-rico-maria-crisis/index.html>> CNN

[10/11/2017 9:11 PM, Ray Sanchez] reports nearly three weeks after Hurricane Maria pummeled Puerto Rico, the vast majority of the island remains without power and the death toll from the storm has risen to 45, authorities said At least 113 people remain unaccounted for, according to Karixia Ortiz, a spokeswoman for Puerto Rico's Department of Public Safety. The recovery has moved slowly since Maria struck the US territory on September 20, leaving most of the island without basic services such as power and running water, according to residents, relief workers and local elected officials. As of Wednesday 89% of the island was without electricity and almost 47% had no phone service, according to a website set up by the Puerto Rican government. Some 43% of the island's 313 bank branches remained closed, it said.

[PR] Puerto Rico: US officials privately acknowledge serious food shortage

<<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/oct/11/puerto-rico-food-shortage-hurricane-maria>> The Guardian [10/11/2017 8:06 PM, Richard Wolffe, UK] reports federal officials privately admit there is a massive shortage of meals in Puerto Rico three weeks after Hurricane Maria devastated the island. Officials at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) say that the government and its partners are only providing 200,000 meals a day to meet the needs of more than 2 million people. That is a daily shortfall of between 1.8m and 5.8m meals. The scale of the food crisis dwarfs the more widely publicized challenges of restoring power and communications. More than a third of Puerto Ricans are still struggling to live without drinking water. Conditions on Puerto Rico remain dire; just 16% of islanders having

access to electricity. While commercial flights have resumed, and most gas stations have reopened, much of the island's economy remains at a standstill.

[PR] Trump's Puerto Rico video tells positive story, leaves misery on cutting-room floor

<<http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/presidential/trump-puerto-rico-video-tells-positive-story-leaves-misery-on-cutting-room-floor-20171011.html>>

Philadelphia Inquirer [10/11/2017 8:21 AM, Jenna Johnson, 2100K, PA] reports

that a few minutes into a video about Puerto Rico relief efforts that President Trump tweeted out this week is a short clip about U.S.

Forest Service workers clearing fallen trees off a road in the rural interior.

Over the sound of chain saws, the Forest Service's fire chief explains how this

will allow for the easier distribution of food, medical supplies and other

aid. But his full comments are cut off by a shift to footage of a ship used

as a hospital.

Had the road-clearing clip continued for 15 seconds, the president's millions of Twitter followers would have heard the fire chief praise the people of Puerto Rico for successfully clearing many roads before the federal government arrived. The sentiment seems contrary to the

president's repeated criticism of local efforts and his claim in the tweet

accompanying the video: "Nobody could have done what I've done for #PuertoRico with so

little appreciation. So much work!"

[PR] Puerto Rico Relief Bill Cancels \$16 Billion in Debt — But Not
for
Puerto Rico

<<https://theintercept.com/2017/10/11/puerto-rico-relief-bill-cancels-16-billion-in-debt-but-not-for-puerto-rico/>> The Intercept [10/11/2017 12:01 PM, David Dayen, 1825K] reports that House Republicans unveiled a \$36.5 billion disaster relief supplemental package Tuesday night, intended to pay for relief and rebuilding efforts for the floods, hurricanes, and wildfires of the past several months. It includes money for Puerto Rico's ongoing struggle with the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, though only a fraction of that headline number. In fact, \$5 billion of the funds earmarked for Puerto Rico comes in the form of a loan, increasing the amount of money the island will eventually need to pay back. And in a cruel irony, the bill also contains \$16 billion in debt relief – just not for Puerto Rico's crushing debt.

The full House chamber will vote on the bill from the House Appropriations Committee this week. The committee also proposes \$576.5 million in U.S. Forest Service and Department of Interior grants for wildfire suppression and management.

[PR] Puerto Rico's treasured rainforest another victim of Hurricane Maria

<<http://www.post-gazette.com/news/nation/2017/10/11/Puerto-Rico-s-treasured-rainforest-another-victim-of-Hurricane-Maria/stories/201710110228>> Pittsburgh Post-Gazette [10/12/2017 6:30 AM, Luis Ferré-Sadurní, 968K, PA]

reports that when you looked up, you could once see nothing but the lush, emerald canopy of tabonuco and sierra palm trees covering El Yunque National Forest. That was before Hurricane Maria obliterated the only tropical rain forest in the U.S. forest system. Left behind was a scene so bare that on a recent visit, it was possible to see the concrete skyline of San Juan about 30 miles west — a previously unimaginable sight.

El Yunque has been an enormous source of pride in Puerto Rico and one of the main drivers of the island's tourism industry. The 28,000-acre forest on the eastern part of the island h

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<<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/ethics-office-director-rebukes-agency-heads/>>
CBS News [10/11/2017 10:21 AM, Rebecca Shabad, 14389K] reports that the acting director of the U.S. Office of Government Ethics is warning the leaders of government agencies that they should promote an "ethical culture," while suggesting some have practiced the opposite. In a memo issued to agency heads, David Apol, the acting director and general counsel of the Government Ethics office, wrote that he's grateful to leaders who have demonstrated a commitment to ethical service. "At the same time, I am deeply concerned that the actions of some in government leadership have harmed perceptions about the importance of ethics and what conduct is, and is not, permissible," Apol wrote. Apol called on these agency heads to "redouble" their commitment to ethics in government. Officials' use of charter flights such as by Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, Energy Secretary Rick Perry, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt have recently come under scrutiny.

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<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/trumps-cabinet-cant-seem-to-stop-taking-private-planes/2017/10/11/358f83fe-a87c-11e7-850e-2bdd1236be5d_story.html?utm_term=.0075cb7f8e3a> Washington Post [10/11/2017 7:27 PM, Editorial Board] reports now that former health and human services secretary Tom Price has been drummed out of government for swanning around the nation in private planes at exorbitant expense to taxpayers, other members of the Trump administration are jockeying to claim the mantle of haughtiest Cabinet member. Among the leading contenders is Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who seems to have learned contempt for the people who pay his salary at the knee of Mr. Price. Mr. Zinke thought nothing of spending \$12,375 on a charter flight from Las Vegas, where he spoke at the behest of a political patron, to his home state of Montana in June. He waved away criticism of the flight as "a little B.S. over travel."

<<http://www.msnbc.com/the-beat-with-ari-melber/watch/new-trump-cabinet-offic>

ial-under-fire-for-ethics-spending-1070659139597> MSNBC [10/11/2017 7:44 PM,
Staff, 4332K] reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke follows Tom Price using government resources for personal travel. Trump's ethics chief says he's "deeply concerned" with the administration's actions.

Additional reporting:

<<http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/editorials/article178397746.html>> Miami Herald [10/11/2017 9:23 PM, Staff, 4830K, FL]

Watchdog Uses Years Old Endorsement To Claim Zinke Violated Ethics Rules As Trump's Interior Secretary

<<http://dailycaller.com/2017/10/11/zinke-violated-ethics-regulations-with-years-old-statement-govt-watchdog-says/>> The Daily Caller [10/11/2017 6:02 PM, Tim Pearce, 5106K, DC] reports a government watchdog group is calling for an ethics investigation into Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke after a statement from Zinke endorsing a fundraising firm was found on the firm's website. Campaign for Accountability (CfA) filed a request for investigation with the Office of Government Ethics Wednesday, claiming Zinke broke federal ethics regulations by using his office as a platform to endorse a private business. ForthRight Strategy, a fundraising firm hired by Zinke during his 2014 congressional race, featured an apparent endorsement from Zinke on the front page of its website, according to CfA.

"You guys are in large part why I had the money and support that afforded me the opportunity to become a Congressman for the at-large seat in Montana," Zinke's statement read. "Your results and personal commitment to Team Zinke were bar none! I greatly value the professional as well as the personal relationship we have developed over many years! Thank you!" The statement is several years old, predating when Zinke was nominated to serve as secretary of the Interior, CfA confirmed to The Daily Caller News Foundation.

Zinke's Mix Of Fundraisers, Government Work Raises New Ethics Concerns

<<http://www.abcactionnews.com/newsy/zinkes-mix-of-fundraisers-government-wor>

k-raises-new-ethics-concerns> ABC Action News [10/11/2017 9:50 AM, Lindsey Pulse and Katherine Biek, 517K, FL] reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has made some seemingly questionable travel decisions, and media outlets just uncovered some more. Politico uncovered two more instances of the Cabinet official attending fundraisers when the U.S. government paid for his travel. In March, Zinke reportedly went to a fundraiser affiliated with Rep. Steve Daines at a ski resort in Montana, and in May, he's said to have attended a fundraiser for Rep. Don Young at a steakhouse in Alaska. The outlet says Zinke also attended several other events with donors while on official trips.

<<http://my.tvey.es/Sz25G>> CNN [10/11/2017 9:49 PM, Staff, 888K] reports that ethics hawks are zeroing in on Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's travel and whether he violated a federal law intended to insulate federal employees from political influence.

<<http://www.politico.com/tipsheets/morning-energy/2017/10/11/reading-the-tea-leaves-on-clean-power-plan-repeal-222739>> Politico [10/11/2017 10:00 AM, Anthony Andragna, 10378K] reports that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke attended at least two additional political fundraisers during trips he took for official Interior business, Pro's Esther Whieldon and Ben Lefebvre scoop. Federal law permits Cabinet officials to participate in partisan political activities on their own time and without using any federal resources, but FEC records don't list any reimbursement payments to Interior for the events. "Both law and common sense tell us that taxpayer resources are supposed to be used when you're doing the taxpayers' business [but] are not supposed to be used to help candidates get elected," said Brendan Fischer of the nonprofit watchdog organization Campaign Legal Center. Spokeswoman Heather Swift said ethics officials signed off on all trips and they all complied with the law. "The Interior Department under the Trump Administration has always and will always work to ensure all officials follow appropriate rules and regulations when traveling, including seeking commercial options at all times appropriate and feasible, to ensure the efficient use of government resources," she said.

<<http://www.govexec.com/management/2017/10/zinke-mnuchin-travels-raise-still-more-questions/141692/>> Government Executive [10/11/2017 1:23 PM, Charles

S. Clark, 156K, DC] reports that the array of issues swirling around Trump Cabinet members' taxpayer-funded travel now include potential violations of the Hatch Act. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke on Tuesday was reported by Politico to have attended two political fund-raisers during official travel and leisure trips, raising questions about whether he properly complied with Hatch Act restrictions on mixing politics with government business. Zinke, Politico disclosed, has attended at least three "political fundraisers while traveling for official business, including a weekend ski getaway less than three weeks after he was sworn in that donors paid up to \$3,000 to attend," according to sources and documents the publication reviewed. "Zinke has held at least a half-dozen other events with big donors or influential conservative organizations while on official trips," the report said. His mixing of travel purposes is under review by the Interior Department's inspector general. The newest wrinkle is whether Zinke has violated the Hatch Act. While Cabinet members may conduct partisan political activities, rules require them to do so on their own time, with their own resources, and without invoking their government job title. An Interior spokesman said Zinke's travels were approved by ethics officials and were compliant with the law.

Additional reporting:

<<http://edition.cnn.com/videos/politics/2017/10/12/ryan-zinke-interior-secretary-travel-federal-law-marsh-dnt-ac.cnn>> CNN [10/11/2017 10:37 PM, Rene Marsh, 15712K]

<<http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/politics/zinkes-travel-continues-to-raise-ethical-questions/ar-AAJJP5>> MSN [10/12/2017 12:44 AM, Rene Marsh and Gregory Wallace, 880K]

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<<https://www.salon.com/2017/10/11/ryan-zinkes-magical-taxpayer-tour-ski-resort-alaskan-steakhouse/>> Salon [10/11/2017 9:31 AM, Taylor Link, 5434K, CA]

Zinke blasted over travel; will not touch Confederate monuments on federal lands

<<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2017/10/11/the-energy-202-the-other-scientific-consensus-the-epa-is-bucking/59dcff9230fb0468cea81e52/>> Washington Post [10/11/2017 10:19 AM, Dino Grandoni, 39042K] reports that Zinke told Breitbart News over the weekend that there are some monuments on federal lands he will not touch — Confederate monuments. "No monuments are going to be removed from federal land," Zinke said. "Where do you start and where do you stop?... If you're a native Indian, I can tell you, you're not very happy about the history of General Sherman or perhaps President Grant." Zinke continued: "I think we should never hide from our history or erase our history. I think we should embrace the history and understand the faults and learn from it. But when you try to erase history, what happens is you also erase how it happened and why it happened and the ability to learn from it."

<<https://www.metro.us/news/politics/ryan-zinke-confederate-monuments-removed>

Metro [10/11/2017 5:20 PM, Erin Tiernan, 1106K, NY]
reports Interior

Secretary Ryan Zinke said if the government caves to leftist demands and has

Confederate monuments removed it could lead to a "slippery slope" where next Native Americans will be calling for the removal of statues commemorating leaders who lead violence against their ancestors. "Where do you start and where do you stop?" Zinke asked in an interview with conservative Breitbart News on Sunday. "It's a slippery slope. If you're a native Indian, I can

tell you, you're not very happy about the history of General Sherman or perhaps President Grant." Zinke's rhetoric falls in line with that of conservative commentators and President Donald Trump himself. Zinke said removing monuments is equivalent to erasing history and vowed the Department of Interior would not remove any Confederate monuments. "I think we should never hide from our history or erase our history. I think we should embrace the history and understand the faults and learn from it. But when you try to erase history, what happens is you also erase how it happened and why it happened and the ability to learn from it," Zinke told Breitbart. But critics are calling bull on what they said is a simplistic response from Zinke that kind of just misses the point.

House committee advances bill to limit Antiquities Act

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/house-committee-advances-bill-to-limit-antiquities-act/article/2637232> Washington Examiner [10/11/2017 6:08 PM, Josh Siegel, 3567K, DC] reports that the House Natural Resources Committee advanced legislation Wednesday that would limit the power of presidents to designate public land as national monuments. The National Monument Creation and Protection Act, moved by a 23-17 vote, would overhaul the 1906 Antiquities Act, which gives the president unilateral power to protect structures of "historic and scientific interest."

Separately on Tuesday, the Natural Resources Committee considered a resolution authored by Rep. Raul Grijalva of Arizona requiring Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to disclose more information about his review of recent national monument designations. The measure did not advance. President Trump ordered the Interior Department to undertake a review of 27 national monuments shortly after his inauguration. Zinke issued a report to Trump in August, but it was not made public. A memo leaked to the media revealed that Zinke recommends shrinking or changing the boundaries of six national monuments and proposes management changes to four others that could reopen areas to logging, cattle grazing and commercial fishing. The Bears Ears National Monument in Utah is perhaps the most contentious one Zinke pegs for a size reduction.

<https://thinkprogress.org/house-bill-limit-presidential-authority-monuments-b44751cedee4/> ThinkProgress [10/11/2017 2:09 PM, Jenny Rowland, 3037K, DC]

reports the full House Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday is marking up a bill that would limit the president's authority to protect historic places and landscapes. H.R. 3990, introduced by Rep. Rob Bishop, who chairs the committee, would radically re-imagine the Antiquities Act - the law allowing presidents to create national monuments - by imposing acreage caps, narrowing the definition of what deserves protection, and prohibiting national monuments that protect oceans, among other restrictions. The committee will also address another bill, a resolution of inquiry filed by Rep. Grijalva and 25 other House Democrats, aimed at getting the administration to provide Congress with more information about Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's national monument review and report. Zinke has come under fire recently for the secret nature of his report which would significantly reduce at least four national monuments. Ironically, Bishop's bill undercuts many of the recommendations made in the leaked version of Zinke's report as well as the Trump Administration's overall agenda on national monuments.

The

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/oct/11/national-monument-creation-and-protection-act-limi/> Washington Times [10/11/2017 8:34 PM, Ben Wolfgang, 3771K, DC] reports that the bill, expected to pass the GOP-led House, overhauls the 1906 Antiquities Act and sets new limits on what land can be designated as a monument and lays out the level of consultation that must take place between the federal and local governments during the process. The House legislation comes amid a review of recent monument designations by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who has recommended to President Trump that a handful of monuments – most notably the sprawling Bears Ears National Monument and Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, both in Utah – be drastically cut down in size.

Additional reporting:

<https://wtop.com/congress/2017/10/house-gop-moves-to-revamp-law-on-national-monuments/> WTOP [10/11/2017 4:58 PM, Associated Press, DC]

http://www.pressofatlanticcity.com/news/ap/nation/house-gop-moves-to-revamp-law-on-national-monuments/article_778c77de-0352-529a-bba3-22b636e80995.html

The Press of Atlantic City [10/11/2017 4:58 PM, By Matthew Daly, 142K, NJ]

<<https://www.ecowatch.com/congress-public-lands-2495535091.html>> EcoWatch
[10/11/2017 11:18 AM, Staff, 564K, OH]

<<https://www.ksl.com/?sid=46125948&nid=757>> KSL [10/11/2017 3:32 PM,
Amy
Joi O'Donoghue, KSL, 1018K, UT]

<<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/politics/2017/10/11/house-gop-bill-would-give-states-veto-power-over-large-national-monuments/755776001/>>
Statesman Journal [10/11/2017 2:17 PM, Matthew Daly, 258K, OR]

<<http://kuer.org/post/national-monuments-revamp-gets-house-panel-ok>> KVER
[10/11/2017 8:15 PM, Judy Fahys, CA]

[MA] Feds ignore objections to Cape Wind

<<http://www.mvtimes.com/2017/10/11/feds-ignore-objections-cape-wind/>>
Martha's Vineyard Times [10/11/2017 12:18 PM, June Parker, MA] reports that the federal government is continuing to ignore us when it comes to Cape Wind. The recent rubberstamp of Cape Wind's long-term lease of 46 square miles of Nantucket Sound disregards the wishes of the state, the local government, and the Wampanoag tribes on both Martha's Vineyard and Cape Cod. Why don't the feds realize this project is too expensive, outdated, and unwanted in our waters? Over the objections of the locals, the U.S. Department of the Interior first issued a lease to Cape Wind in 2010. In 2017, nothing has changed. The Steamship Authority, fishermen, the Cape and Islands delegation, the tribes, and many others all wrote to the Department of the Interior telling them Cape Wind does not belong in Nantucket Sound, there are far too many conflicts here and to cancel Cape Wind's lease. Their response? To continue to ignore us and instead rubber stamp approval.

[UT] Op-ed: Utah delegation needs a clear message about our monuments

<<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/865690796/Op-ed-Utah-delegation-needs-a-clear-message-about-our-monuments.html>> Deseret News [10/11/2017 10:10 AM,

Josh Boling, 1322K, UT] reports that if the Trump administration, Ryan Zinke and our Utah representatives wanted us to truly trust them then they would stop doing literally everything they could to undermine their own words. The latest: a leak from Trump's White House detailing Interior Secretary Zinke's monument review in which he recommends downsizing both Bears Ears and Grand Staircase Escalante national monuments.

[NV] Nevada's Heller, Laxalt join Sandoval in supporting sage grouse decision

<<http://www.nevadaappeal.com/news/government/nevadas-heller-laxalt-join-sandoval-in-supporting-sage-grouse-decision/>> Nevada Appeal [10/11/2017 6:42 PM, Staff, 22K, NV] reports that Sen. Dean Heller and Attorney General Adam Laxalt have now joined Gov. Brian Sandoval in applauding the BLM decision to cancel withdrawal of federal lands in six western states. The original plan was to withdraw 10 million acres of land – a third of that total in Nevada – to protect the sage grouse. The rules would have severely limited mining and energy development in those areas. But Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke signed an order last week canceling that withdrawal and giving states more flexibility to manage the grouse population.

The

<http://www.buffalobulletin.com/opinion/columns/article_1581a422-ae8d-11e7-8041-cfff0ef30173.html> Buffalo Bulletin [10/11/2017 8:04 AM, Staff, 1K, WY] reports that Wyoming spent a decade tailoring a sage-grouse conservation plan, and when it comes to preserving greater sage-grouse habitat, few states do it better than our own. The Department of the Interior and the BLM should proceed with caution before they attempt to amend federal land use plans regarding the greater sage-grouse. And quite honestly, if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Wide-sweeping changes could backfire as putting the quirky bird's habitat at risk could lead to a listing on the Endangered Species Act, and that would mean more restrictions on everything from agriculture to energy.

Earlier this year, Ryan Zinke, Interior secretary, ordered a review of the sage-grouse plans and later released a report calling for changes to portions of the existing plan. The review and report were in response to industry representatives who said the current plan is too restrictive and expansive. Zinke said he's attempting to find balance between local economies and sage-grouse conservation. We hope that's the case and the

Interior isn't attempting to appeal to a single group. Doing so will not protect sage-grouse or our Wyoming way of life.

[CA] Fears grow of wildfires merging in California

<<http://thewashingtonpostnie.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/showarticle.aspx?article=b4c0fbe9-1a9b-4a1f-8740-110e8c326eae>> Washington Post [10/12/2017 4:56 AM, Cleve R. Wootson Jr., Kristine Phillips and Joel Achenbach, 3K] reports that the wind known as the Diablo is picking up again, the air is dry, there is no rain in sight and the killer wildfires that have scorched the wine country of Northern California remain almost completely uncontained. Officials warned Wednesday that some of the big fires could merge.

Statewide, 8,000 firefighters are working to contain 22 wildfires that cover 170,000 acres — a collective area larger than the city of Chicago. The worst are in Napa, Sonoma and Mendocino counties, where 4,500 homes and businesses had been burned at last count. The fire has put a strain on federal resources, too. Coming on the heels of catastrophic hurricanes, the California wildfires in total represent just one of 22 disasters that the Federal Emergency Management Agency is managing across the nation. Eighty-five percent of FEMA's 9,900 full-time employees are working "in the field," away from their assigned offices, agency spokesman Mike Cappannari said. With some of the fires in the Sierras and Southern California nearing containment, Cal Fire is shifting resources — which include 73 helicopters and 30 air tankers — to the most dangerous fires in and around wine country. The U.S. Forest Service said it has dispatched 740 personnel. "We are in a wickedly dangerous fire situation and when one of us needs help, all of us come," said Bob Baird, director of fire and aviation management for the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest region.

[CA] Whole towns evacuated as Northern California firestorm grows; at least 23 people are dead, 285 missing

<<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-fires-northern-california-20171011-story.html>> Los Angeles Times [10/11/2017 10:05 PM, Phil Willon, Paige St. John, Louis Sahagun, Chris Megerian and Alene Tchekmedyian] reports the death toll rose to 21 Wednesday as multiple wildfires continued to spread

across Northern California's wine country. As firefighters were dealing with wind shifts Wednesday afternoon, new evacuation orders were issued. All residents of Calistoga were ordered to leave their homes. State and federal officials portrayed an all-out effort to fend off the devastating wildfires at a news conference at a state emergency operations center outside Sacramento. The situation remains very dangerous, officials said. According to Cal Fire spokeswoman Heather Williams, 11 people have died in Sonoma County, six in Mendocino County, two in Yuba County and two in Napa County.

<<http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/11/us/california-fires-updates/index.html>> CNN [10/11/2017 8:45 PM, Jason Hanna, Nicole Chavez and Steve Almasy] reports that in hard-hit Sonoma County, Sheriff Rob Giordano said his office has received 600 reports of missing people, of which detectives have been able to locate 315 people. Giordano believes many of the 285 people who are unaccounted for will be located once telecommunications issues are solved, but he also fears more bodies will be found.

<<https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2017/10/11/at-least-21-dead-3500-structures-destroyed-in-northern-california-fires/>> KQED [10/11/2017 4:49 PM, Staff, 1027K, CA] reports that Cal Fire Chief Ken Pimlott gave an updated death toll late Wednesday morning, calling the series of wildfires in wine country "a serious, critical, catastrophic event." He says 8,000 firefighters are focusing on protecting lives and property as they battle the flames from 21 fires that are chewing through critically dry vegetation. Pimlott says Oregon, Nevada, Arizona and Washington are sending firefighters and the U.S. Forest Service is sending fire engines, bulldozers and hand crews.

<<http://www.governing.com/topics/public-justice-safety/tns-wine-country-wild-fires-firefighters.html>> Governing [10/11/2017 7:31 AM, Lizzie Johnson, Trisha Thadani, Melody Gutierrez and Peter Fimrite, 306K, DC] reports that the dire situation was clear as the U.S. Forest Service was called in to help exhausted state firefighters battle 17 active wildfires, which have blackened more than 115,000 acres statewide, and, Pimlott said, the number is expected to keep rising.

<<http://www.mercurynews.com/2017/10/11/as-death-toll-climbs-evacuations-expa>

nd-in-wine-country-fires/> Mercury News [10/11/2017 12:06 PM, Mark Gomez, Katy Murphy, Erin Baldassari and David DeBolt, 4169K, CA] reports that at a news conference Tuesday morning, officials with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Cal Fire and other agencies reported that 17 fires statewide had burned a combined 115,000 acres and sent 3,200 evacuees to 28 shelters — and that the major fires in Napa and Sonoma were zero percent contained. Some 4,000 people are battling the fires, including crews from Nevada and the U.S. Forest Service. Air tankers dropped 266,000 gallons of retardant from the skies Monday.

<<http://my.tvey.es/Le67A>> Good Morning America [10/11/2017 10:05 AM, Staff, 32K, NV] reports that there were a new batch of evacuation orders in Northern California overnight, with thousands of people on the move. Everywhere you look you see melted metal, which goes on for block after block in a moonscape of gray ash; in many places the only thing left standing are the chimneys. As firefighters continue to defend downtown Santa Rosa from the onslaught of flames, from the ground and from the air, residents are taking stock of all they have lost in the heart of California wine country. The state of California is asking for reinforcement from the U.S. Forest Service. [Editorial note: consult source link for video]

[CA] Wildfires Burning Through Cash, Not Just Landscape

<<https://ww2.kqed.org/news/2017/10/11/wildfires-burning-through-cash-not-just-landscape/>> KQED Public Radio [10/11/2017 3:00 PM, Ryan Levi, 920K, CA] reports wildfires continue to strain government resources throughout California, creating a vicious cycle of fires and land burdened with excess fuels, which leads to bigger fires. About a third of California is federal land, where fire response and prevention falls mostly to the U.S. Forest Service. All Forest Service fire funds come from its base operating budget, so when firefighting costs shoot skyward as they have over the last several years, resources have to be cribbed from other budget lines like fire prevention and forest health in a system called "fire borrowing." The Forest Service has already spent a record-breaking \$2 billion-plus on fire suppression this year, and it estimates that it will have to transfer more than a half-billion dollars from other Forest Service programs to cover fire response for the year.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, who oversees the Forest Service, has repeatedly spoken out about the need for Congress to establish a

dedicated reserve funding source for wildfires similar to what exists for other natural disasters like hurricanes. "This whole department at USDA is going to fight hard to communicate to Congress and the administration that we need permanent fire funding and stop this fire borrowing once and for all," Perdue said at an event last month to introduce new Forest Service Chief Tony Tooke.

[CA] Wildfires trample California's \$58 billion wine industry

<http://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/wildfires-trample-californias-dollar-58-billion-wine-industry/ar-AAthjmw> MSN [10/11/2017 9:28 AM, Jennifer Kaplan, Lydia Mulvany and Jeffrey Taylor, 66K] reports that the fires ravaging Northern California stand to leave the area's renowned wine industry with damage that will be felt long after the final flames burn out. At least four Napa Valley vineyards have been destroyed or significantly damaged, and the toll may be even worse in Sonoma County to the west. The fires mark the second natural disaster in three years for the area, which was hit by a magnitude 6.0 earthquake in 2014 that caused at least \$500 million in economic damage, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The efforts to quench the fires are far from complete, said Jonathan Cox, a spokesman for Cal Fire, the state's Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

[CA] Will wine country disaster push Congress to fix fire budget?

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article178381396.html>

McClatchy DC [10/12/2017 3:01 AM, Emily Cadei, 1478K, DC] reports that

it's a rare point of bipartisan agreement in divided Washington: The federal system for funding firefighting is broken, and that's hurting our ability to prevent fires from breaking out in the first place. But lawmakers are at a loggerheads over how to fix the problem, a split that breaks down on largely regional, rather than partisan, grounds. Some in the House and Senate now hope that national coverage of Northern California's devastating fires could

finally spur a congressional compromise, a bit of a silver lining emerging out of all the destruction.

At the root of the problem is the fact that forest fires are not treated like other natural disasters. While the Federal Emergency Management Agency can tap emergency funds for hurricane or tornado response, the U.S. Forest Service has to raid its other program budgets – including fire prevention – if it runs out of firefighting funds. That's become increasingly common in recent years, as fires have grown more intense and destructive. Sen. Jim Risch, R-Idaho notes that the Forest Service spent over half of its budget last year on firefighting, compared to 16 percent in 1995. In effect, the Forest Service has been transformed from a "management agency to a firefighting agency," Risch says.

[CA] Fire restoration activities planned

<http://www.trinityjournal.com/news/local/article_8b4c6c4a-ae20-11e7-9111-e7f11cc010b.html> The Trinity Journal [10/11/2017 9:15 AM, Sally Morris, 4K, CA] reports that once a fire is out, there's a lot more work to be done as soil scientists, hydrologists and other field experts assess the damage to predict and prepare for future environmental impacts within the burned areas. It is officially called the Burned Area Emergency Response process, and with the Helena fire more than 91 percent contained as of last week, that process is well underway through the multi-agency efforts of the U.S. Forest Service, BLM and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

[CA] Rives Mansion hits the market for \$1.3 million

<<http://www.thedowneypatriot.com/articles/rives-mansion-hits-the-market-for-13-million>> The Downey Patriot [10/11/2017 11:56 AM, Alex Dominguez, 4K, CA] reports that Downey's historic Rives Mansion is officially for sale. After what has been a turbulent few years for Downey's iconic property, the foreclosed mansion officially went on the market Oct. 6 with the bank listing it at \$1.3 million. Built in 1911, the home was constructed by L.A. County district attorney James Rives and is listed on the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Register of Historic Landmarks as "a most

interesting link to its agricultural past before Downey's mass suburbanization after World War II."

Bureau of Indian Affairs

[MA] Taunton City Council extends emergency services agreement with tribe

<<http://www.tauntongazette.com/news/20171011/taunton-city-council-extends-emergency-services-agreement-with-tribe>> Taunton Daily Gazette [10/11/2017 12:38 PM, Charles Winokoor, 96K, MA] reports that the 151-acre site of the stalled Mashpee Wampanoag resort casino project in East Taunton will continue to be accessible to police, fire and emergency medical services – at least for the next six months. The Taunton City Council, on the recommendation of City Solicitor Jason D. Buffington, voted unanimously Tuesday night to extend a memorandum of understanding with the tribe, so that those first responders continue to have legal access to the land. The barren Stevens Street site has been fenced off and devoid of construction activity since a federal judge in 2016 ruled in favor of 25 plaintiffs – who challenged the federal Department of the Interior and its 2015 decision to place the Taunton land and 170 acres in Mashpee "in trust" as Indian reservation territory.

[SD] Family sues Indian boarding school in Pierre for wrongful death

<<http://www.argusleader.com/story/news/2017/10/11/wrongful-death-lawsuit-against-indian-boarding-school-family-girl-who-died-after-suicide-attempt-fed/53904001/>> Argus Leader [10/11/2017 1:34 PM, John Hult, 106K, SD] reports that the family of a girl who died after a suicide attempt at a federal Indian boarding school has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the federal government. Emerson Little Elk of Todd County says the Pierre Indian Learning Center's staff failed to adequately monitor his granddaughter, who had a history of depression and threats of suicide, and that the center's staff was slow to respond when they were informed of her suicide attempt in October 2015. The family has charged negligence and asks a jury to award compensation for funeral expenses, compensation for pain and suffering and attorney fees. The case was filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in South

Dakota. The girl was 14 years old when the incident took place at the Pierre boarding school, which is overseen by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Education. The school serves Native American students from first through eighth grades, focusing on those with behavioral, mental health and emotional needs.

[MT] Homeland Hero

<<https://flatheadbeacon.com/2017/10/11/homeland-hero/>> Flathead Beacon [10/11/2017 7:00 AM, Tristan Scott, 27K, MT] reports that as a Pikuni (or Blackfeet) warrior and veteran of the United States Marines Corps, Jesse DesRosier believes it is his duty and obligation to protect his country and lands, as well as to uphold the tribe's traditions and culture while safeguarding its natural resources for future generations.

DesRosier is marshaling resources to defend a critical aspect of Blackfeet identity — the natural landscape where Blackfeet derived much of their spirituality. Specifically, he and dozens of other Native American veterans and active-duty members have petitioned U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to defend a sacred ancestral homeland known as the Badger-Two Medicine, a 130,000-acre area named for the two rivers that define it. DesRosier and other tribal members, as well as numerous conservation groups, are seeking to furnish the wild and sacred Badger-Two Medicine with permanent protections from oil and gas drilling. They're currently calling on the Interior Department to defend the Obama administration's cancellation of the last remaining oil and gas leases and to protect the area in perpetuity.

[AZ] The Largest Coal-Fired Power Plant in the West Is Slated for Closure

<<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2017-6-november-december/feature/largest-coal-fired-power-plant-west-slanted-for-closure>> Sierra Club [10/12/2017 4:00 AM, Evelyn Nieves, 227K] reports that Percy Deal, 68, has been fighting the coal industry all of his adult life. In the late 1960s, Peabody Energy started to mine Black Mesa's vast coal deposits. In the process, the company began using billions of gallons of the Navajo Aquifer's water-as much as 3 million gallons a day-to move the coal via a slurry pipeline to the Mohave Generating Station, outside Laughlin, Nevada.

Deal's quest to find answers fueled a career in politics and made him a prominent voice in the grassroots movement to monitor the coal business on the reservation. Now, things are poised to change again as the coal mining and the coal-fired energy production on and around Black Mesa are winding down. The Navajo Generating Station, a 2,250-megawatt coal plant on Navajo land that is the largest coal-fired power plant west of the Mississippi River, is set to shut down as early as 2019. Since the NGS is the sole customer of Peabody's Kayenta Mine on Black Mesa, that, too, is supposed to close-unless the tribes can find a way to ship coal outside the region, which many industry analysts consider highly unlikely.

[AZ] Navajo Nation President Begaye Testifies before Congress to Fix Problems with 1974 Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act

<<http://nativenewsonline.net/currents/navajo-nation-president-begaye-testifies-congress-fix-problems-1974-navajo-hopi-land-settlement-act/>> Native News [10/12/2017 12:02 AM, Staff, 57K, MI] reports that on Wednesday, Oct. 4, President Russell Begaye testified before the House Natural Resources Committee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs supporting HR 2402. The legislation aims to unencumber Navajo lands that have been encumbered by preference right lease applications (PRLAs). "This important legislation brings to a close one chapter of a four-decade-old federal statutory obligation to the Navajo Nation that was authorized in the Navajo Hopi Settlement Act of 1974," President Begaye said.

Introduced by Congressman Ben Ray Lujan, HR 2402 is an attempt to rectify a quandary resulting from the Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act of 1974. The 1974 Act committed Congress to provide the Navajo unencumbered lands that the Nation would select from federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

[CA] Camp 4 Final Deal Getting Close

<<http://www.independent.com/news/2017/oct/12/camp-4-final-deal-getting-close/>> Santa Barbara Independent [10/12/2017 5:54 AM, Kelsey Brugger, 81K, CA] reports that resentment and bitterness has built up for years in the Santa Ynez Valley. Valley residents have adopted a "just say no" approach to the Chumash tribe's plans to expand the existing roughly 138-acre reservation.

This tentative agreement surrounds Camp 4, the 1,400-acre property east of Highway 154.

County supervisors Joan Hartmann and Das Williams met privately with Chumash chair Ken Kahn and vice chair Raul Armenta for six months after years of public negotiations failed. The tribe has for six years petitioned the U.S. government to bring Camp 4 into the reservation, saying they need to build more housing. Annexation, which was granted on the last day of the Obama administration, frees the land from the county's firm development codes and property-tax rolls. The deal would stipulate that the tribe would pay \$178,500 annually while the county would drop its formal opposition. The property would be divided into 143 one-acre plots, one for each tribal member. The agreement would be in place until 2040, which Hartmann said is about longest timeframe federal regulators at the Department of the Interior would likely allow.

Bureau of Land Management

[TN] Villagers help create a 'hidden gem'

<http://www.tellicovillageconnection.com/news/article_178952cc-21d8-5287-8573-c86acd9eb73e.html> The Connection [10/11/2017 8:00 AM, Staff, TN] reports that nestled in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains and spanning 31 miles along the eastern shore of Tellico Lake, the East Lakeshore Trail provides plenty of opportunity for those in the region to enjoy the outdoors. In 2002, Tennessee Valley Authority sold land for the development of what is now the WindRiver community. A small group of citizens from Tellico Village, Vonore and Greenback voiced concerns about possible damage the new development could cause. From there, the Watershed Association of the Tellico Reservoir, or WATeR, was born.

"It is an all volunteer, not-for-profit organization whose focus is on water pollution, soil erosion and promoting environmental education and appropriate outdoor recreational pursuits," Bob Martin, WATeR board member, said. "It has sponsored an annual lakeshore cleanup for many years." The East Lakeshore Trail was officially designated as a National Recreation Trail by the United States Department of the Interior on May 30, 2012.

[CO] Legal Protest Targets Trump Fracking Plan That Threatens Colorado River

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2017/fracking-10-11-2017.php> Center for Biological Diversity [10/11/2017 2:26 PM, Staff, 72K] reports conservation groups on Tuesday challenged a Bureau of Land Management decision to auction off more than 27,000 acres of western Colorado public lands in December for fracking operations. Fracking would threaten the dwindling water supply in the Colorado River, a water source for about 40 million people. It also would worsen Colorado's air, water and greenhouse gas pollution and further imperil endangered Colorado pikeminnow and razorback sucker. Warming temperatures driven by greenhouse gas pollution have already reduced flows in the Colorado River, which supplies water to seven western states and Mexico. Scientists project that flow declines could exceed 30 percent by mid-century and 55 percent by the end of the century if greenhouse gas emissions continue unabated.

[CO] Suit seeks to stop oil-gas drilling on 9 parcels

<http://www.postregister.com/articles/west/2017/10/11/suit-seeks-stop-oil-gas-drilling-9-parcels>> Post Register [10/11/2017 8:17 AM, Associated Press, 47K, ID] reports that a Colorado county and three environmental groups have sued the federal government, saying the sale of nine oil and gas leases on public land in southwestern Colorado could harm the threatened Gunnison sage grouse. The lawsuit filed in Denver federal court Tuesday says the federal Bureau of Land Management didn't consult with wildlife managers and didn't conduct required reviews before selling leases in March. The lawsuit asks a judge to invalidate the leases. Agency spokesman Jayson Barangan said officials hadn't seen the lawsuit and couldn't comment. The Gunnison sage grouse was protected under the Endangered Species Act in 2014. Only about 5,000 remain, all in southwestern Colorado and southeastern Utah. The suit was filed by the San Miguel County commissioners, Rocky Mountain Wild, San Juan Citizens Alliance and Conservation Colorado.

[WY] US government halts Wyoming wild horse roundup amid dispute

<<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/oct/11/us-government-halts-wyoming-wild-horse-roundup-ami/>>

The Washington Times [10/11/2017 4:29 PM, Mead Gruver, 3771K] reports the U.S. government has agreed to halt a Wyoming wild horse roundup amid a legal dispute over whether it should count foals toward the roundup quota. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management and roundup opponents agreed in a court filing Tuesday the roundup would stop at 1,560 horses of all ages, a number the BLM was set to reach Wednesday. U.S. District Judge Nancy Freudenthal in Cheyenne was set to rule within days whether to allow the roundup to resume while a lawsuit filed by the opponents moves ahead. The roundup began Sept. 23 and originally was expected to take four to six weeks. The Wild Horse Preservation Campaign and two photographers sued Friday, claiming the BLM was deviating from past practice by not counting captured foals toward the roundup's 1,560-horse limit. A spokeswoman for the BLM's Wyoming State Office, Kristen Lenhardt, declined comment citing agency policy not to comment on pending litigation.

<<http://www.sweetwaternow.com/blm-gathered-1062-horses-12-deaths/>>

SweetwaterNOW [10/11/2017 4:04 PM, Katie Glennemeier, 25K, WY] reports that

as of October 10, the project has gathered 1,062 adults horses, 269 foals, and returned 4 animals to the range. Twelve horses been euthanized, all categorized as having chronic or pre-existing conditions diagnosed with a prognosis of "hopeless for recovery" by a veterinarian. Those conditions include conditions like poorly healed fractures, club feet, and deformities. According to the daily reports, the BLM has also shipped 1,148 horses to contracted holding facilities in Rock Springs; Axtell, Utah; and Bruneau, Idaho.

Additional reporting:

<<http://kgab.com/wyoming-wild-horse-roundup-halted/>> KGAB [10/11/2017 2:36 PM, Associated Press, 16K, WY]

<https://www.heraldandnews.com/news/local_news/blm-working-to-determine-caus

e-of-wild-horse-deaths/article_9cabb0e2-8e0d-5dd2-82b7-c2cb8f941fd7.html>
Herald and News [10/11/2017 6:45 PM, Staff, 28K, OR]

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Scientists Eavesdrop on Little-known Beaked Whales to Learn How Deeply They Dive

<<http://www.sciencenewsline.com/news/2017101115440026.html>>

ScienceNewsline

[10/11/2017 8:46 PM, Staff, 12K] reports that scientists have reported the first dive depths for Gervais' and True's beaked whales, two of the least known beaked whale species known as mesoplodonts. The study is also the first to use a towed linear hydrophone array to document dive depths for beaked whales, and researchers say it's a promising method to obtain dive depths for other beaked whale species.

The findings by NOAA scientists from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) in Woods Hole, Mass. and a colleague now at Hydroacoustics Inc in Rochester, NY were recently reported in the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America. "Much of what we know about beaked whales and their dive depths is from two or three species, and from a few locations. We know so little about Gervais' and True's beaked whales, but now we know something about how deep they dive and at what depths they are foraging, so this is a step forward," said Annamaria Izzi DeAngelis, lead author of the study and a marine mammal researcher in the passive acoustics group at the NEFSC. The study was funded by NOAA Fisheries, the U.S. Navy N45 Program, and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. Data were collected as part of the Atlantic Marine Assessment Program for Protected Species (AMAPPS) program.

[NJ] New Jersey Gov. Christie Rejects President's Offshore Drilling Plan

<<https://www.heartland.org/news-opinion/news/new-jersey-gov-christie-rejects-presidents-offshore-drilling-plan>> The Heartland Institute [10/12/2017 7:27 AM, Kenneth Artz, IL] reports that Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey is officially objecting to President Donald Trump's proposal to open the Atlantic Ocean coastline to offshore oil and gas exploration and production. Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey filed formal objections to President Donald Trump's proposal to open the Atlantic Ocean coastline to offshore oil and gas exploration and production.

In formal comments filed on August 16, the Christie administration reaffirmed the governor's opposition to any oil and gas production off the

New Jersey coast, saying it would endanger the state's natural resources, coastal communities, and overall economy. New Jersey officials have long opposed drilling in the Atlantic, saying they believe any spills could put the state's \$700 billion worth of coastal properties at risk. In addition, New Jersey's \$45 billion shore-based tourism industry and its commercial fishing industry, which generates \$8 billion annually and supports approximately 50,000 jobs, could also be harmed by a spill, state officials say. In a letter to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management filed August 16, Bob Martin, commissioner of New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection, outlined the state's opposition to any offshore drilling.

Bureau of Reclamation

[AZ] The Sierra Club's Shadowy History with the Navajo Generating Station

<<http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/sierra-club-s-shadowy-history-navajo-generating-station>> Sierra Club [10/12/2017 7:27 AM, Bill Corcoran, CA] reports that when, in 2009, the Sierra Club launched a campaign pressing for the closure of the Navajo Generating Station, a massive power plant in the Four Corners region, the move seemed in-line with the organization's new priorities in the age of climate change. The Club's Beyond Coal campaign was beginning to hit its strides in halting or retiring coal-burning power plants nationwide, and the Navajo Generating Station, the largest coal plant west of the Mississippi River and the seventh largest source of carbon pollution in the United States, was a natural target.

While the Sierra Club had been working with Navajo and Hopi community leaders over many decades on a variety of issues, there had not been a clearing of the air about the organization's history regarding Navajo Generating Station. As the advocacy targeting the plant intensified, tribal activists rightly called for an airing of that history to ensure that the Sierra Club did not repeat past mistakes.

The story begins like this: In the early to mid-1960s, the Sierra Club spearheaded a national campaign to prevent construction of two hydroelectric dams in the Grand Canyon. For the Arizona political elite and the federal Bureau of Reclamation, the proposed dams would be the keystone of the Central Arizona Project—a massive infrastructure scheme to enrich agricultural and development interests by getting water and electricity to

the booming cities of Phoenix and Tucson.

[Editorial note: consult source link for additional commentary]

Fish and Wildlife Service

250 Years After Washington Drained It, Feds Soak A Swamp

<<https://www.wfdd.org/story/250-years-after-washington-drained-it-feds-soak-swamp>> 88.5 WFDD [10/11/2017 1:17 PM, Ben Finley, 8K, NC] reports that this is a story about a future president who tried to drain a swamp, and government workers who are making it wet again. By returning the habitat to its natural state, they just might keep the Great Dismal Swamp from heating up the planet. It was a young George Washington, working as a surveyor 254 years ago, who saw profits in the wetlands straddling the Virginia-North Carolina border. The seemingly impenetrable swamp had been dismissed as a deadly morass where explorers vanished and runaway slaves escaped. Today, scientists have discovered that the swamp's peat soil is a vital piece of the climate change puzzle, able to either contain or release a greenhouse gas that causes global warming. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is trying to undo damage by gradually "rewetting" the swamp. According to the U.S. Geological Survey, the last two big fires at the Great Dismal Swamp released an estimated total of 6.2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide – more than the annual output of a million cars.

The

<http://democratherald.com/news/national/years-after-washington-drained-it-feds-soak-a-swamp/article_7d5a0d2d-b6f3-57ab-b1ce-e341db202c91.html> Albany Democrat-Herald [10/11/2017 11:59 AM, Ben Finley, 49K, OR] reports that now a years-long project is under way to make the swamp wet again in the 113,000-acre national wildlife refuge in Virginia and North Carolina, where ditches dug to reach lumber dried out the peat, releasing climate-changing carbon and making wildfires more frequent. Scientists say that when peat is in its naturally wet state, it holds onto carbon from plants that have died over the course of centuries. Dried-out peat, however, releases that carbon into the atmosphere, contributing to global warming.

Mussel, once feared extinct, brought back to Ohio River

<http://www.outdoornews.com/2017/10/11/mussel-feared-extinct-brought-back-ohio-river/> Outdoor News [10/11/2017 11:29 AM, Associated Press, 18K, MN] A century ago, the mussel, named for the color of its inner shell and a small protuberance on its outer shell that resembles a feline foot, was also once found in streams as distant as Illinois, Indiana and Alabama, according to a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service fact sheet. In announcing the mussel's endangered status, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declared that, unless reproducing populations of the purple cat's paw could be found or developed, "the species will become extinct in the foreseeable future." With the world's only known population of purple cat's paw pearlymusselsbarely numbering two dozen, "a decision was made to relocate them and breed them in captivity and not to just rely on nature," said Michael Schramm, public outreach specialist for Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

Bee-Killing Pesticide Found in 75 Percent of Global Honey Samples

<http://gearsofbiz.com/bee-killing-pesticide-found-in-75-percent-of-global-honey-samples/118833> Gears Of Biz [10/11/2017 12:21 PM, Helen Clark, 223K] reports that there's nothing sweet at all about the results of a recent study of honey from around the world. In samples from every continent except Antarctica, traces of neonicotinoid pesticides were found in 75 percent of them – even in honey from remote places like Tahiti. Almost half the samples contained at least two different types of pesticides.

The contamination rates were highest in North America, where a shocking 86 percent of the honey samples contained at least one neonicotinoid. For Asia, it was 80 percent; for Europe, 70 percent. The rate was lowest in South America (57 percent). In the study, published this month in the journal Science, researchers from the University of Neuchatel in Switzerland tested honey collected by citizen scientists from nearly 200 sites around the world. Earlier this month, the NRDC announced it is suing the Environmental Protection Agency for approving the use of neonicotinoids without consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ascertain the insecticides'

impact on threatened or endangered species. The failure to do so is in violation of the federal Endangered Species Act.

[KY] Bald Eagle Population Soars in Kentucky

<<http://beforeitsnews.com/outdoors/2017/10/bald-eagle-population-soars-in-kentucky-2477411.html>> Before It's News [10/11/2017 10:26 AM, Meredith Abercrombie, 578K] reports that the bald eagle population in Kentucky continues to flourish, with 164 nesting pairs recorded so far in 2017, according to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. This is twice as many as seven years ago.

There are multiple factors that have contributed to the rise in the eagle population. The ban of DDT, a pesticide that caused eagle eggs to become fragile, has improved their health significantly. This, along with the nationwide reintroduction program for the birds and an increase in suitable habitats in the state such as water reservoirs and large wetlands, has helped the once-fleeting population come back to Kentucky, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources reports. This trend is also common nationwide, with breeding pairs increasing since the implementation of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

[SD] The only ND man indicted in a SD sting for selling eagle parts is in custody

<<http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/4342142-only-nd-man-indicted-sd-sting-selling-eagle-parts-custody>> Grand Forks Herald [10/11/2017 4:38 PM, Barry Amundson, 87K, ND] A man who was the only North Dakotan to be indicted in an undercover operation where 15 people were indicted recently for selling and purchasing eagle and other protected migratory bird parts has denied the charges in a court appearance in federal court in Pierre. Sheldon Tree Top, 43, of Mandan, who faces up to two years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, was taken into custody last Friday by the U.S. Marshal Service pending his trial. No trial date has been set. He entered a not guilty plea at the hearing. In a two-year operation, an informant with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service purchased protected eagle parts, as well as those from

other migratory birds in danger, from a number of people mostly in South Dakota starting in 2014 and lasting into 2016.

[MT] Controversy Over Grizzly Bear Protection Continues

<<http://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2017/10/11/grizzly-bear-protection-montana>>

90.9 WBUR [10/11/2017 12:26 PM, Cooper McKim, 783K, MA] reports that

federal

officials are considering removing grizzly bears in a northern Montana region from the endangered species list. This comes on the heels of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service decision to delist bears in the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem – which took decades to resolve. But, the debate is far from over. Several groups have filed lawsuits to stop the switch and keep the grizzlies under federal management. Wyoming Public Radio's Cooper McKim reports.

[Editorial note: consult source link for audio]

[CA] Opinion: Tiny Mouse Is Huge Success Story for Endangered Species Act

<<https://timesofsandiego.com/opinion/2017/10/11/tiny-mouse-huge-success-story-endangered-species-act/>>

Times of San Diego [10/11/2017 5:15 PM, Brett Hartl, 60K, CA] reports hikers exploring the canyons and bluffs of Laguna Coast Wilderness Park may not know it, but they are in the midst of the incredible comeback of one of California's most endangered species. Pacific pocket mice recently released into the San Joaquin Hills by the San Diego Zoo have begun breeding on their own. It's a milestone for this tiny animal once thought extinct and a testament to the power of the Endangered Species Act. Habitat loss from development decimated the population to the point that it was believed to be extinct. Luckily a small population was "rediscovered" in 1993. They quickly received emergency endangered species protection from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and a captive breeding program was initiated shortly after.

US Forest Service

Wildfires: How They Form, And Why They're So Dangerous

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/2017/10/wildfire-california-danger-environment-spd/>> National Geographic News [10/11/2017 2:27 PM, Austa Somvichian-Clausen, 10973K] reports as deadly wildfires continue to rage across Northern California's wine country, with winds picking up speed overnight and worsening conditions to now include a combined 54,000 acres of torched land, it now seems more important than ever to understand how wildfires work, and their lasting implications on our health and the environment. Though the exact source of Sonoma County's wildfires is unclear, authorities have pointed to the fact that 95 percent of fires in the state of California are started by people, according to CNN. Meteorologists aren't yet able to forecast wildfire outbreaks, but there are three conditions that must be present in order for a wildfire to burn. Firefighters refer to it as the fire triangle: fuel, oxygen, and a heat source.

The suppression of naturally occurring, low-intensity forest fires has actually aided in the ability for high-intensity wildfires to run rampant. In the first half of the 20th century, the U.S. Forest Service suffered from what historian Stephen Pyne calls "Pyrophobia," or the desire to suppress all wildfires. In some places, the path toward a safer, more ecologically sound relationship with fire is being blazed with prescribed fire, and what's being called by officials as "Managed wildfire." Fire crews put their efforts to suppress wildfires around the most fire-prone areas, such as communities, municipal watersheds, and sequoia groves. Otherwise they are learning to let some fires burn themselves out, as nature intended.

[NH] White Mountains forest fire still burning a week later

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2017/10/11/white-mountains-forest-fire-has-burned-for-week/YwrgyRqhDY8HldsikVs9JI/story.html>> Boston Globe [10/11/2017 12:55 PM, Ben Thompson, 4047K, MA] reports that a forest fire that has burned for more than one week on a cliff in Woodstock, N.H., still covers around 70 acres and will continue to smolder until extinguished by heavy precipitation, the U.S. Forest Service said. "While rain over the weekend and holiday helped to dampen the fire's intensity, the fire is not out," U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman Tiffany Bennasaid in a statement

Tuesday. "Due to the very steep rugged terrain and fuels in the burn, this fire will continue to burn at various intensities until extinguished by a rain or snow event."

"The fire continues to retain heat and to burn in the duff and root systems," White Mountain National Forest acting Deputy Forest Supervisor Joe Koloski said in the statement. "Weather will play a large role in the fire's behavior over the next few weeks." The blaze first broke out early last Tuesday morning on Dilly Cliff near Lost River Gorge in Woodstock, and local, state, and federal firefighters have been on scene since then working to contain the fire.

[SC] More than 150 roads in need of repair around National Forest

<<http://counton2.com/2017/10/11/more-than-150-roads-in-need-of-repair-around-national-forest/>> Count On News 2 [10/11/2017 7:02 PM, Rebecca Collett, 66K, SC] reports potholes pepper the roads through the Francis Marion National Forest. Severe flooding in 2015 coupled with Hurricane Matthew in 2016, led to widespread erosion and damage impacting 157 National Forest System roads. Amid a News 2 investigation into the road problems, the National Forest Service release information they are working to fix the problems. "The Francis Marion and Sumter National Forest has been aware of our road system needs and has been taking steps to address this need," according to Francis Marion National Forest Acting District Ranger Warren Tucker. The agency recently awarded two contracts to fix the biggest problems. Priority will be given to arterial roads, roads within established school bus routes, roads leading to private residences and roads identified as emergency evacuation routes.

[IN] Region parks, parkways to lose hundreds of trees

<http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/region-parks-parkways-to-lose-hundreds-of-trees/article_253abbc2-91f6-59c0-bc4d-02e2aa7aac94.html> Times of Northwest Indiana [10/12/2017 5:00 AM, Ed Bierschenk, 212K, IN] reports that trees are beginning to show off their colorful fall finery, but unfortunately for hundreds of them, it will be their last appearance in parks and parkways in Hammond and other communities in Lake and Porter

counties. Leaves actually already have left many of these trees, as they succumbed to the larvae of emerald ash borers that have decimated trees through much of Northwest Indiana and the nation.

Some 50 years after The Beatles invaded America, another set of invaders are leaving their mark on the U.S. This time the tune the beetles are singing could be titled, "I Want to Eat Your Land," and is not music to the ears of tree lovers. Hundreds of ash trees throughout Lake, Porter and LaPorte counties have come down over the last several years, and more will come down in the coming years. In Gary, summer interns with the city's Green Team, urban conservation team members and U.S. Forest Service workers tagged infested trees in public areas, including the Broadway corridor, GreenLink trail, and Barnes, Gateway, Jackson and Reed parks.

[OR] Forest Service needs to alter their procedures

<http://www.nrtoday.com/opinion/letters/forest-service-needs-to-alter-their-procedures/article_c041d941-786b-5801-96fa-b332289d1993.html> News Review Today [10/11/2017 2:25 PM, Don Wilson, 36K, OR] reports that I found it disturbing that a Forest Service official stated that about 75 percent of the North Umpqua fires were "good" and just cleaned out the underbrush. Was it planned that way, or were we just lucky? I suspect the latter. I'm sure had areas been thinned, the taxpayers would have gotten a break from the timber sold, plus the fire would have been easier to contain - which would have saved money, and smoke wouldn't have filled the air for weeks, even if thinning slash were burned, because managers can choose days when winds are favorable. It seems to me if the Forest Service had an aggressive commercial thinning program 10,000 to 20,000 acres a year - yes, even cutting some big old trees, where managers decided when, where, what and how trees were removed - that the vital resources, soils, water and air would be better protected than if left to the whim of a lightning bolt.

[CA] Drought and heat, worsened by humans, help fuel California fires

<<https://www.aol.com/article/news/2017/10/11/drought-and-heat-worsened-by-humans-help-fuel-california-fires/23239738/>> Aol. [10/11/2017 7:31 AM, James Rainey, 15926K] reports that it may take weeks to determine the spark that

touched off each of the firestorms that consumed hunks of more than a dozen California communities this week. But the consensus in the scientific community is that the conditions that cleared a path for the tsunami of flame were made by humans. Decades of aggressive firefighting left too much fuel on the ground. And more than a century of carbon emissions exacerbated the state's drought and the record high temperatures that baked brush and timber to an explosive dryness.

The damage from the wind-driven flames – which destroyed thousands of buildings and killed at least 17 people – is also more grievous because of another man-made initiative: building more and more homes in hilly communities adjacent to brush and woodlands. The early 1900s brought a public campaign for fire suppression after a series of deadly blazes. The U.S. created the national Forest Service, whose founding mission was to suppress fire on public lands. "Consequently, there is now a forest 'fire deficit' in the western United States attributable to the combined effects of human activities, ecological, and climate changes," a paper by Jennifer R. Marlon of Yale's School on Forestry and Environmental Studies, concludes.

<https://www.democracynow.org/2017/10/11/as_deadly_wildfires_rage_in_california> Democracy Now [10/11/2017 11:57 AM, Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzalez, 359K, IL] In California, powerful winds and bone-dry conditions are fueling massive wildfires. The wildfires come after the US Forest Service warned last year that an unprecedented 5-year drought led to the deaths of more than 100 million trees in California, setting the stage for massive fires. Climate scientists believe human-caused global warming played a major role in the drought. Park Williams, bioclimatologist at Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory and co-author of a 2016 report, shows that global warming is responsible for nearly half of the forest area burned in the western United States over the past three decades.

[Editorial note: consult source link for video]

[CA] The Napa Fire Is a Perfectly Normal Apocalypse

<<https://www.wired.com/story/the-napa-fire-is-a-perfectly-normal-apocalypse/>>

Wired [10/11/2017 7:00 AM, Adam Rogers, 13620K, CA] reports that no one

yet knows the cause of the more than a dozen fires ablaze around California,

but fires start where humans meet the wild forests, where people build for solitude or space or beauty. Things go wrong in those liminal spaces, at the interface between the wilds and the built.

This past weekend it was Napa and Sonoma, and the town of Santa Rosa. At least 15 people are dead. More than 1,500 houses are gone. Pushed by the wind, fires can throw burning embers a mile and a half ahead. The fire front starts moving faster than anyone can respond, jumping from ridgeline to ridgeline. A fire's progress through the forests and wildlands of North America isn't exactly formulaic, but scientists understand it reasonably well. "A wildfire typically doesn't last in one spot more than a minute or two. In grass it can be like 10 seconds," says Mark Finney, a U.S. Forest Service researcher at the Missoula Fire Sciences Laboratory. "But structures can burn for a long time. That means they have a long time to be able to spread the fire, to be able to ignite adjacent structures." They throw off embers as they decompose, and those wide walls emit and transfer heat.

[CA] Bulldozing Forests Isn't the Answer to Controlling California's Wildfires. Here's What Is.

<<http://fortune.com/2017/10/11/wildfires-in-california/>> Fortune [10/11/2017 3:14 PM, Steve Pyne, 8011K] reports on October 8, 1542, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, the first European to explore California, sighted smoke around San Pedro Bay. We've been sighting smoke in California and commenting on it ever since. The outbreak of wildfires in Napa and Sonoma, Calif. 475 years later reminds us that we may need to keep commenting until we truly learn what those smokes are signaling. They tell us that California is intrinsically fire-prone and that people have to live there in ways that accommodate this reality. For some fires, one factor may matter more than others, but they are all present. Still, two factors are particularly immediate and amenable, and they are the focus of a national cohesive strategy the American fire community has tried to promote. The first is that rural communities and exurban enclaves are towns and should be treated by the same codes and zoning that had taken fire out of America's long-combustible cities. The second is trickier because it involves cultural values and the landscapes that have become the breeding ground for fire.

[CA] Forest Service visitor-use surveys begin

http://www.trinityjournal.com/news/local/article_ab1e4248-ae23-11e7-af1b-6f95cbebd47c.html> The Trinity Journal [10/11/2017 9:15 AM, Staff, 4K, CA] reports that beginning in October 2017 and continuing through September 2018, volunteers in orange vests standing near signs saying "Traffic Survey Ahead" will be asking motorists at various locations across the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to participate in a visitor-use survey. The purpose of this survey is to determine what activities visitors pursue on National Forest System lands, how visitors evaluate the quality of their trips, and recreationists' opinions about facilities and management policies.

The information collected is useful for national forest management planning as well as local community tourism. Survey participation is voluntary, responses are confidential and surveys will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. When survey volunteers have the opportunity to speak with local people who use the forest, as well as out-of-area visitors, then all types of visitors may be represented in the study.

US Geological Survey

[WY] Geologists Map the Plumbing Beneath Yellowstone's Old Faithful Geyser

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/seeing-beneath-old-faithful-180965230/>> Smithsonian [10/11/2017 11:04 AM, Ben Panko, 3009K] Dubbed "Old Faithful" in 1870, this natural wonder produces bursts of water every 60 to 110 minutes that spurt more than 100 feet in the air. But exactly what supplies the regular eruptions of water? In the new study, published in the journal Geophysical Research Letters, geologists took a more passive tact, writes Sean Reichard of Yellowstone Insider. They scattered 133 seismographs across a 250-acre region surrounding Old Faithful to measure the tiny vibrations the water and steam make as they move underneath the geyser. Over the course of two weeks, geologists tracked these tiny tremors, using them to measure the reservoir beneath Old Faithful. It turns out, it was surprisingly large, spanning more than 650 feet across and holding more than 79 million gallons of water-far more than the roughly 8,000 gallons released by the geyser in each of its eruptions. Water is heated by magma that underlies this massive chamber as the pressure climbs; the water is

eventually ejected out of the surface cracks in a column of scorching-hot water.

[WY] 'Supervolcano' Under Yellowstone May Have Planet-Killing Potential

<<http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2017/10/11/supervolcano-yellowstone-national-park/>> CBS New York [10/11/2017 12:56 PM, Staff, 1220K, NY] reports according to reports, a "Supervolcano" sleeping underneath Yellowstone National Park has the destructive capability to send the entire planet into a volcanic winter. Even more unnerving, researchers believe that the Yellowstone volcano could be ready to erupt within the next few decades. Researchers at Arizona State University have presented new data that claims pressure beneath Yellowstone may build up much quicker than previously thought. The findings are changing the timetable for a potential eruption from thousands of years to as early as the 2030's. In the hopes of preventing the next global catastrophe, NASA has been working on a complicated plan to cool down the fiery time bomb. According to reports, NASA is looking to drill down into the great volcano to open a path for water to be pumped in. The plan may also unlock a new source of geothermal energy for use.

<<https://www.msn.com/en-us/weather/topstories/yellowstone-supervolcanos-nasty-surprise-only-decades-to-prepare-for-an-eruption/ar-AA7Kb>> MSN [10/11/2017 2:20 PM, Trevor Nace, 880K] reports that scientists have relied upon is that when Yellowstone's supervolcano begins to rumble and its magma chambers begin to fill, we would have centuries to prepare for the devastating eruption. Recent studies find that the speed at which the volcano can fill its magma chamber and erupt is on the order of a few decades. That means Yellowstone supervolcano could go from its usual activity like today to erupting in 2032s.

Additional reporting:

<<http://latestnewsnetwork.com/build-up-to-yellowstone-eruption-could-take-just-10-years/>> LatestNewsNetwork [10/11/2017 10:12 AM, Staff, 8K]

<<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2017/10/11/supervolcano-yellowstone-national-park/>> CBS Philly [10/11/2017 12:56 PM, Staff, 838K, PA] reports that with so much talk lately

National Park Service

National parks need investment from private companies to thrive

<http://www.elkharttruth.com/opinion/national-parks-need-investment-from-private-companies-to-thrive/article_be6597ee-0ca7-5628-9593-63d1c8f3aaa8.html> Elkhart Truth [10/12/2017 6:00 AM, Frank Hugelmeyer and Thomas Dammrich, 13K, IN] reports that with fall upon us, millions of Americans will head to America's iconic public lands and waters to soak up what's left of warmer weather and get a glimpse of fall's renowned foliage. Ensuring Americans' ability to enjoy our country's outdoor spaces is big business and critical to the \$887 billion outdoor recreation industry. Given their significant role in providing healthy, outdoor recreation for Americans and the millions of jobs and thousands of small businesses they support, it's time our national parks, waterways and other public outdoor spaces get the attention they deserve.

In recent months, the decision by the Trump Administration to review the size of 27 National Monuments has spurred an important debate. Yet, there is a much greater threat to the nation's recreation economy looming than monument borders and it is an issue that receives little to no attention. Improvements to our outdated recreation infrastructure have gone largely unaddressed by both political parties for decades, no matter who lives in the White House or is in the majority on Capitol Hill. The good news is Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is trying something different. He has laid out a course of action that addresses the nearly \$20 billion maintenance backlog crippling many of our outdoor spaces and emphasizes the need to modernize services, lodging, marinas and campgrounds.

No more parks?

<<http://www.sierraclub.org/lay-of-the-land/2017/10/no-more-parks>> Sierra Club [10/11/2017 11:58 AM, Emily Lande, 227K] On Wednesday, October 11th,

the House Natural Resources Committee is going to take a vote on a piece of legislation that Chairman Rob Bishop and his anti-parks caucus have been building towards for years. This bill, H.R. 3990, would gut the Antiquities Act, one of the key tools for public lands protection that has been used by 16 Presidents, democrat and republican, since it became law in 1906. With Secretary of the Interior Zinke's sham monuments review we saw them going after existing monuments; this bill goes after future monuments by making it next to impossible for any president to designate a monument ever again.

[NY] Stonewall National Monument's rainbow flag plan was going fine, then things got weird

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2017/10/11/stonewall-national-monuments-rainbow-flag-plan-was-going-fine-then-things-got-weird/?utm_term=.70cbe1784d5e

Washington Post [10/11/2017 6:01 PM, Juliet Eilperin and Darryl Fears, 967K] reports the plan to celebrate the rainbow flag flying over Stonewall National Monument was going smoothly. Then things got weird. Activists had pressed for months to get the flag - a long-standing symbol of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community - hoisted atop the flagpole adjacent to the national monument that President Barack Obama designated last year to commemorate the LGBT civil rights movement. The National Park Service agreed to do it, providing a flag that went up Sept. 28, and it worked with activists to put on an event commemorating the act on Wednesday, which was also National Coming Out Day. Joshua Laird, commissioner of the National Parks of New York Harbor, said in an interview Wednesday that Interior Department officials had made "an inquiry" late last week to his office to determine whether the rainbow flag would be the first one to fly on the ground of a national monument.

NPS officials determined that the flagpole was on city property, rather than the 7.7-acre patch of land in Christopher Park that constitutes the monument itself. Laird emphasized that the rainbow flag was never removed and that the National Park Service has donated it to the city. He said that Interior Department officials in Washington did want to know whether "it was accurate" that the rainbow flag would set a precedent by flying on federal property but that he would not describe administration officials as raising "a concern" about it. "It's still up, it's still flying there," Laird said of the flag. "Visitors to Stonewall National Monument will see it, and 99 percent of them will not care if it's on our property or property."

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<<http://www.sfchronicle.com/news/us/article/Rainbow-flag-flies-at-US-monument-but-not-on-12271009.php>> San Francisco Chronicle [10/11/2017 4:19 PM, Staff, 1991K, CA] reports gay rights activists who worked to get a rainbow flag installed at the new Stonewall National Monument in New York City are upset the National Park Service says the flag isn't actually on federal land but on city property. The distinction may seem like a minor one because the flag is flying either way. The group that lobbied for the flag to be flown at the site says the Park Service's announcement the city, not the federal government, would be maintaining the flag seems like a betrayal.

<https://boston.edgemedianetwork.com/news/national/250157/trump_admins_national_park_service_kills_support_of_rainbow_flag_dedication_at_stonewall_monument> Edge Media Network [10/11/2017 2:11 PM, Staff, 2615K, MA] reports that the National Park Service (NPS), which had originally approved and sponsored a ceremony to be held Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. at Stonewall National Monument to dedicate the Rainbow flag, has suddenly withdrawn. The event, however, will go on. LGBT activists planning the event with NPS officials cite bureaucratic homophobia for the last-minute change in plans, as the Trump Administration has systematically rolled back LGBT rights at the federal level since January. This historic event had originally been planned as the first time that the LGBT flag will wave over federally-funded land, under the permanent stewardship of the National Park Service. NPS personnel were scheduled to speak at the event, but will no longer be in attendance.

[NC] Mysterious debris washes ashore in Hatteras, leading to a lot of questions

<https://pilotonline.com/news/local/aeronautical-debris-possibly-from-a-rock-et-washes-ashore-in-hatteras/article_133984be-00b4-556d-8449-14140254166e.html> Virginian-Pilot [10/11/2017 10:29 AM, Jeff Hampton, 633K, VA] reports that rough surf on the Outer Banks just keeps on giving. A piece of aeronautical debris washed ashore Sunday evening in Hatteras Village. It's white, about 15 feet long and maybe 10 feet wide, made of metal and synthetic material. The rounded piece had a serial number on it and appears broken from off from something else. It did not have many barnacles on the

surface indicating it had not been in the water long.

Photographer Erin Everlee and her neighbors found the object. They called authorities with the National Park Service and later began an internet search. Rocket fairings – protective nose cones – are jettisoned after the rocket gets beyond the earth's atmosphere. Park rangers loaded the piece onto a flatbed truck and hauled it away. Air Force authorities were glad to help, and said they would let them know what it was soon.

[TN] Chimney Tops Trail reopens

<<http://www.smokymountainnews.com/outdoors/item/20963-chimney-tops-trail-reo>

pens> Smoky Mountain News [10/11/2017 4:03 PM, Staff, 10K, NC] reports that for the first time in nearly a year, the Chimney Tops Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park is open to hikers. The trail was closed off last November when a small fire was discovered on the rugged Chimney Tops pinnacle, and when that fire metastasized into a fiery blaze that swept down through the park and into Gatlinburg, it severely damaged the summit, resulting in long-term trail closure.

The final quarter-mile of trail that once led to the Chimney Tops pinnacles is still closed, due to heavy fire damage resulting in safety concerns. However, the trail is now open as far as a newly developed observation point that offers views of Mount LeConte and the Chimney Tops pinnacles. The Road Prong Trail, whose closure had coincided with that of Chimney Tops, is now open as well. "We are excited to complete the work on the Chimney Tops Trail in time for the fall color season in Great Smoky Mountains National Park," said Acting Superintendent Clay Jordan.

[MS] Barrier islands to remain closed after Nate

<<http://www.wtvm.com/story/36576102/barrier-islands-to-remain-closed-after-nate>> WTVM [10/11/2017 6:44 PM, Joyce Philippe, 55K, GA] reports that Mississippi barrier islands will remain closed after post-hurricane assessments revealed moderate to significant damage in multiple areas. The initial evaluations took place at West Ship and Horn Islands. Additional

inspections will need to be completed on the other islands before they can be reopened to the public.

A structural engineering team from the National Park Service will arrive in the area on Thursday to begin formal assessments. The team will survey the Davis Bayou fishing pier, government dock, boardwalks and overlooks, as well as the infrastructure at West Ship and Horn Islands on Friday. Mississippi's barrier islands are managed by Gulf Islands National Seashore under the National Park Service. NPS officials say that all properties will open for public use once necessary repairs are completed.

[TX] New EPA Rule Will Allow Twice The Pollution From Texas Coal Plants

<<http://hpr.org/post/new-epa-rule-will-allow-twice-pollution-texas-coal-plants>> High Plains Public Radio [10/11/2017 10:12 PM, Jonathan Baker, 5K, TX] reports that a new rule enacted by Donald Trump's EPA will allow coal plants to increase the amount of pollution they pump into the atmosphere, reports The Texas Observer. The new rule will allow coal power plants to emit almost twice as much sulfur dioxide as the previous restrictions instituted by the Obama Administration.

Sulfur dioxide is known to exacerbate respiratory illnesses like asthma, and the pollutant is a major contributor to acid rain. The substance famously created haze problems in Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountains national parks. Texas resisted the previous pollution rule under the previous administration, until the Obama White House ultimately forced Texas to comply. In response, Texas sued. Now, it appears Texas coal plants have won the day.

[MT] Glacier National Park sets annual attendance record

<http://mtstandard.com/news/state-and-regional/glacier-national-park-sets-annual-attendance-record/article_05b42339-2692-5703-a28a-7a81f1b702ab.html> Montana Standard [10/11/2017 1:45 PM, Associated Press, 36K, MT] reports National Park Service statistics show that more than 3 million people visited Glacier National Park so far this year, making 2017 the busiest year in park history. The Flathead Beacon reported Tuesday that 3.3 million

people had visited the park through September, a nearly 13-percent increase during the same nine-month period in 2016. Last year, the park fell short of the 3 million mark by just 37,000 visitors. Total visitation in September, however, was down compared to the same month last year due to a fire that closed a large swath of the west side of the park, including the popular Going-to-the-Sun Road.

[WY] September 3rd busiest in Yellowstone's history

<http://billingsgazette.com/lifestyles/recreation/september-rd-busiest-in-yellowstone-s-history/article_b11ec58c-9902-5359-804b-8c3a94a990df.html> Billings Gazette [10/11/2017 12:20 PM, Staff, 195K, MT] reports that Yellowstone National Park hosted 640,068 visits in September, the third busiest on record, but down 8.79 percent from September 2016. Visits may have declined due to several days of snowy weather. Road closures resulting from snow, ice and avalanche danger occurred on seven days. Portions of the Beartooth Highway were also closed from Sept. 15 to 28.

So far in 2017, the park has hosted 3,872,776 visits, down 2.47 percent from the same period in 2016 (which was the highest on record). Even with the decline, year-to-date visitation in 2017 is 19.6 percent higher than five years ago.

[WY] Traffic accident kills 4 bison in Grand Teton park

<<http://www.postregister.com/articles/west/2017/10/11/traffic-accident-kills-4-bison-grand-teton-park>> Post Register [10/11/2017 8:19 AM, Associated Press, 47K, ID] reports that Grand Teton National Park rangers are investigating a traffic accident that left four bison dead in northwest Wyoming. The accident occurred Oct. 2 in the park on a foggy night on U.S. 26/89/191 when a pickup truck hit one bison on the highway, rolled and then struck and killed three more nearby bison.

The National Park Service says the Casper woman who was driving alone escaped with minor injuries. Park spokesman Andrew White tells the Jackson Hole News & Guide that a citation has not been issued but isn't out of the question if it's determined the motorist was traveling too fast for the

conditions. Wildlife-vehicle collisions are common on the highway, which has posted speed limit of 45 mph at night.

[WY] Yellowstone Death Linked to a Search for Forrest Fenn's Treasure

<[http://www.kcwy13.com/content/news/Yellowstone-Death-Linked-to-a-Search-for](http://www.kcwy13.com/content/news/Yellowstone-Death-Linked-to-a-Search-for-Forrest-Fenns-Treasure--450461673.html)

-Forrest-Fenns-Treasure--450461673.html> KCWY [10/11/2017 11:26 PM, Penny Preston, 15K, WY] reports that Yellowstone National Park is confirming the first death there this year was connected to a search for the Forrest Fenn treasure. Forrest Fenn, a New Mexico art collector, hid a box with jewels and coins worth millions in the Rockies. Two men died while searching for the treasure in New Mexico. 53-year old Jeff Murphy reportedly started his day hike in Yellowstone on Rescue Creek trail June 7th, 2017. But, a park press release said Murphy's wife reported him missing the next day, so the search for Murphy began. On June 9th, searchers found Murphy's body. Park spokeswoman Morgan Warthin said he apparently died from a fall.

[WY] 'UFO' Sighted Zig-Zagging Over Yellowstone Supervolcano

<<http://beforeitsnews.com/survival/2017/10/ufo-sighted-zig-zagging-over-yellowstone-supervolcano-2680071.html>> Before It's News [10/11/2017 8:12 AM, Staff, 578K] A new video has surfaced on YouTube which shows what appears to be a UFO zig-zagging its way over the Yellowstone supervolcano in northern Wyoming. Yellowstone has long been a hotspot for alien sightings and UFO enthusiasts. The famed Yellowstone volcano has garnered national interest in recent months, especially over the summer when more than 400 earthquakes hit in one week near the volcano. Experts at the U.S. Geological Survey say the risk of the Yellowstone supervolcano erupting is quite low, with a probability of one in 730,000.

[WY] Devils Tower plans prescribed fire

<http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/devils-tower-plans-prescribed-fire/article_9c1031a2-0a8a-5890-82f1-d136c37b4553.html> Rapid City Journal [10/11/2017 7:00 AM, Staff, 107K, SD] reports that Devils Tower National Monument will implement a prescribed burn this fall as conditions permit, according to a news release. Fire management officials from the Northern Great Plains Fire Office and Devils Tower National Monument plan to burn 171 acres in the North Terrace Unit during the next few weeks. The last time a prescribed burn was completed in the North Terrace Unit was during the fall of 2005.

The burn is needed to remove buildup of dead fuels and woody herbaceous growth, and encourage the growth of native prairie grasses and forbs. If conditions are not acceptable on the scheduled day of the burn, it will be postponed until desirable conditions return.

[WY] Experts expect record year for lake trout removal

<<http://www.postregister.com/articles/west/2017/10/11/experts-expect-record-year-lake-trout-removal>> Post Register [10/11/2017 8:20 AM, Mark Davis, 47K, ID] reports that the cutthroat trout conservation team at Yellowstone National Park expects to break a record this year, ridding Yellowstone Lake of more than 360,000 lake trout. The high mark was set last year, with 358,000 removed from the lake. "They're on a record pace," said Jonathan Shafer, Yellowstone public affairs officer.

There are 35 to 40 miles of nets in the lake every day during the mid-May to mid-October effort. Crews made up of both Park Service employees and subcontractors man the nets six days a week in an attempt to crash the lake trout population. Nearly 3 million lake trout have been removed since the program began.

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[PR] Three weeks since Hurricane Maria, much of Puerto Rico still dark, thirsty and frustrated

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/three-weeks-since-hurricane-maria-much-of-puerto-rico-still-dark-dry-frustrated/2017/10/11/3a263b22-ade7-11e7-9e58-e6288544af98_story.html?utm_term=.ac16cf50cd17> Washington Post [10/11/2017 7:56 PM, Manuel Roig-Franzia and Arelis R. Hernández] reports it has been three weeks since Hurricane Maria savaged Puerto Rico, and life in the capital city of San Juan inches toward something that remotely resembles a new, uncomfortable form of normalcy. Roughly half of Puerto Ricans have no working cellphone service, creating islands of isolation within the island and cutting off hundreds of thousands of people in regions outside the largest metropolitan areas from regular contact with their families, aid groups, medical care and the central government. Accompanying that vision of the future are worries about outbreaks of diseases such as scabies and Zika, which is transmitted by mosquitoes breeding in standing water. Just 63 percent of the island's residents have access to clean drinking water, and only 60 percent of wastewater treatment plants are operating, according to figures released by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

[PR] Puerto Rico's hurricane death toll rises to 45

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/10/11/us/puerto-rico-maria-crisis/index.html>> CNN [10/11/2017 9:11 PM, Ray Sanchez] reports nearly three weeks after Hurricane Maria pummeled Puerto Rico, the vast majority of the island remains without power and the death toll from the storm has risen to 45, authorities said At least 113 people remain unaccounted for, according to Karixia Ortiz, a spokeswoman for Puerto Rico's Department of Public Safety. The recovery has moved slowly since Maria struck the US territory on September 20, leaving most of the island without basic services such as power and running water, according to residents, relief workers and local elected officials. As of Wednesday 89% of the island was without electricity and almost 47% had no phone service, according to a website set up by the Puerto Rican government. Some 43% of the island's 313 bank branches remained closed, it said.

[PR] Puerto Rico: US officials privately acknowledge serious food shortage

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/oct/11/puerto-rico-food-shortage-hurricane-maria>> The Guardian [10/11/2017 8:06 PM, Richard Wolffe, UK] reports federal officials privately admit there is a massive shortage of meals in

Puerto Rico three weeks after Hurricane Maria devastated the island. Officials at the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) say that the government and its partners are only providing 200,000 meals a day to meet the needs of more than 2 million people. That is a daily shortfall of between 1.8m and 5.8m meals. The scale of the food crisis dwarfs the more widely publicized challenges of restoring power and communications. More than a third of Puerto Ricans are still struggling to live without drinking water. Conditions on Puerto Rico remain dire; just 16% of islanders having access to electricity. While commercial flights have resumed, and most gas stations have reopened, much of the island's economy remains at a standstill.

[PR] Trump's Puerto Rico video tells positive story, leaves misery on cutting-room floor

<<http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/presidential/trump-puerto-rico-video-tells-positive-story-leaves-misery-on-cutting-room-floor-20171011.html>> Philadelphia Inquirer [10/11/2017 8:21 AM, Jenna Johnson, 2100K, PA] reports that a few minutes into a video about Puerto Rico relief efforts that President Trump tweeted out this week is a short clip about U.S. Forest Service workers clearing fallen trees off a road in the rural interior. Over the sound of chain saws, the Forest Service's fire chief explains how this will allow for the easier distribution of food, medical supplies and other aid. But his full comments are cut off by a shift to footage of a ship used as a hospital.

Had the road-clearing clip continued for 15 seconds, the president's millions of Twitter followers would have heard the fire chief praise the people of Puerto Rico for successfully clearing many roads before the federal government arrived. The sentiment seems contrary to the president's repeated criticism of local efforts and his claim in the tweet accompanying the video: "Nobody could have done what I've done for #PuertoRico with so little appreciation. So much work!"

[PR] Puerto Rico Relief Bill Cancels \$16 Billion in Debt — But Not for Puerto Rico

<https://theintercept.com/2017/10/11/puerto-rico-relief-bill-cancels-16-billion-in-debt-but-not-for-puerto-rico/> The Intercept [10/11/2017 12:01 PM, David Dayen, 1825K] reports that House Republicans unveiled a \$36.5 billion disaster relief supplemental package Tuesday night, intended to pay for relief and rebuilding efforts for the floods, hurricanes, and wildfires of the past several months. It includes money for Puerto Rico's ongoing struggle with the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, though only a fraction of that headline number. In fact, \$5 billion of the funds earmarked for Puerto Rico comes in the form of a loan, increasing the amount of money the island will eventually need to pay back. And in a cruel irony, the bill also contains \$16 billion in debt relief – just not for Puerto Rico's crushing debt.

The full House chamber will vote on the bill from the House Appropriations Committee this week. The committee also proposes \$576.5 million in U.S. Forest Service and Department of Interior grants for wildfire suppression and management.

[PR] Puerto Rico's treasured rainforest another victim of Hurricane Maria

<http://www.post-gazette.com/news/nation/2017/10/11/Puerto-Rico-s-treasured-rainforest-another-victim-of-Hurricane-Maria/stories/201710110228> Pittsburgh Post-Gazette [10/12/2017 6:30 AM, Luis Ferré-Sadurní, 968K, PA] reports that when you looked up, you could once see nothing but the lush, emerald canopy of tabonuco and sierra palm trees covering El Yunque National Forest. That was before Hurricane Maria obliterated the only tropical rain forest in the U.S. forest system. Left behind was a scene so bare that on a recent visit, it was possible to see the concrete skyline of San Juan about 30 miles west — a previously unimaginable sight.

El Yunque has been an enormous source of pride in Puerto Rico and one of the main drivers of the island's tourism industry. The 28,000-acre forest on the eastern part of the island h

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All - attached are the latest comms materials for the NPS survey announcement tomorrow. the Secretary's remarks are the second-to-last document. We made edits to the draft I sent last night based on comments and suggestions. The press release is the last document. The media advisory went out about an hour ago.

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With help from Alex Guillén

DIRE SITUATION IN PUERTO RICO GETTING HELP: Amid the latest controversy over President Donald Trump's tweets about the devastation in Puerto Rico, Congress is stressing its commitment to helping the nearly 3.5 million U.S. citizens still in dire need of assistance. Speaker Paul Ryan leads a bipartisan delegation to tour the devastated island today, a day after the House overwhelmingly passed a bill H.R. 2266 (115) that would aid Florida, Texas, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other sites of recent severe weather. All 69 lawmakers voting against the bill were Republicans. Senate leaders plan to take up the measure once they finish work on a budget resolution.

Meanwhile, the administration sought to walk back Trump's suggestions he might pull the plug on aid to the island. "Our country will stand with those American cities in Puerto Rico until the job is done," Chief of Staff John Kelly said in a press conference. And a FEMA spokeswoman, Eileen Lainez, tweeted: ".@fema will be w/Puerto Rico, USVI, every state, territory impacted by a disaster every day, supporting throughout their response & recovery."

Democrats condemned Trump's comments: "Mr. President, do not send a message to any American that we will turn our backs on them. That is not fair; it's not right; and you ought to correct the statement you made this morning," House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer said on the floor. The island's governor, Ricardo Rossello, took a more measured tone: "The U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico are requesting the support that any of our fellow citizens would receive across our Nation," he tweeted. Meanwhile, two House Democrats — Nydia Velazquez and Bennie Thompson — asked DHS to investigate whether the death toll of 45 currently associated with Hurricane Maria is far lower than the actual toll.

Situation on the ground: Amid reports residents were trying to drink from wells on Superfund sites, EPA said in a status update that it sent crews to Dorado, Caguas, and San Germán to post signs and attempt to ensure water truck deliveries to those neighborhoods. More than three weeks after the hurricane arrived, 83 percent of the island lacks electricity and 36 percent of residents lack potable drinking water, according to government figures.

Meanwhile, California continues to battle wildfires that have devastated wine country and claimed at least 29 lives. Smoke from the fires has resulted in the production of as much as pollution in two days as all of the state's cars produce in a year, according to USA Today, and the Bay Area has experienced its worst air quality week in recorded history.

TGIF EVERYBODY! I'm your host Anthony Adragna, and FERC's Joe McClelland was first to identify Rep. [John Moolenaar](#) as the only chemist currently serving in Congress. For today: Who is the tallest U.S. senator in history? Send your tips, energy gossip and comments to aadragna@politico.com, or follow us on Twitter [@AnthonyAdragna](#), [@Morning_Energy](#), and [@POLITICOPro](#).

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING? A rising chorus of conservative voices are accusing Energy Secretary Rick Perry of betraying free market principles that have long been a GOP hallmark as he presses FERC to fast-track a new regulation that would directly benefit coal and nuclear power plants, Pro's Darius Dixon [reports](#). "This is inconsistent with a longstanding policy of fiscal responsibility and open markets that have always been espoused by what I thought of as the Republican Party. I'm not sure that we're in the same place today," said former Republican FERC commissioner Nora Mead Brownell, adding that Perry's plan "undoes 20 to 25 years of really hard work."

Republicans have long bashed the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan as an example of the government picking winners and losers, but many conservatives are finding it hard to celebrate that regulation's rescission this week as Perry plots a new government intervention. "There is no free market, but you don't fight intervention with intervention," said Tom Pyle, president of the pro-market Institute for Energy Research who led Trump's DOE transition team. "He's recognized the symptoms but he's not proposing the right cure."

Perry defended his proposal Thursday before a House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee, arguing the federal government had provided financial support to various sectors for a long time and that power markets were never really fair. "We have subsidized the energy industry for a long time. I, frankly, don't have a problem with that," he said. Asked about the cost of his proposal on consumers, Perry also shot back that the issue was crucial for the nation's security: "What's the cost of freedom? What does it cost to build a system to keep America free?"

WHITE ON SCHEDULE: The White House announced late Thursday night that Kathleen Hartnett White, an outspoken critic of climate change science, will be nominated as chair of the Council on Environmental Quality. That shouldn't shock Pros who recall the April [story](#) from POLITICO's Alex Guillén and Andrew Restuccia previewing her nomination. Expect White to have one of the more contentious nominations of the year as Senate Democrats assail her longtime attacks on climate change science. "Carbon dioxide is not a pollutant," White wrote in an op-ed last year, a major departure from established climate science. She also called for a government commission to review climate science, something Pruitt is carrying out at EPA. ME would also not be surprised if Democrats bring up the 2014 piece in which White argued fossil fuels helped end slavery.

Plus: The White House said Alex Beehler will be nominated to be assistant secretary of the Army for energy, installations and environment. Beehler, a senior Defense Department official during the Bush administration, now runs his own energy consultancy. He worked at Koch Industries from 2000 to 2003 as director of environmental and regulatory affairs, according to his [LinkedIn profile](#).

NOAA PICK CAUSES A STORM: Barry Myers' push to place restrictions on the information

on the National Weather Service releases as CEO of AccuWeather is raising concerns for how he'd approach such matters as the head of NOAA, POLITICO's Andrew Restuccia [reports](#). "There seems to be a huge conflict of interest considering his business background and belief system," Daniel Sobien, the president of the National Weather Service Employees Organization, said. Sens. [Bill Nelson](#) and [Brian Schatz](#) are among the Democrats who've also expressed concerns with the pick.

HOUSE READY FOR A PRUITT APPEARANCE: Energy and Commerce Republicans are getting antsy for EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to make his first appearance before their committee. "There's a lot of interest in him coming," Rep. [John Shimkus](#), who chairs the Environment Subcommittee, tells ME. "[Chairman [Greg Walden](#)] is now convinced that it's time the administrator try to make time for us in his schedule." A committee aide said the panel was "currently working" to determine Pruitt's availability, a standard line for the last month.

CONGRESS TO GOVERNOR: DID YOU LIE UNDER OATH? The top House Oversight Republican and Democrat formally asked Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder in [a letter](#) Thursday whether he lied to them under oath about when he learned of an outbreak of Legionnaires' disease connected to the Flint water crisis. "If necessary, you may also choose to amend or supplement your testimony," [Trey Gowdy](#) and [Elijah Cummings](#) wrote. But Snyder shot back with his [own letter](#) shortly afterward defending his testimony as "truthful."

EXPANDED WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS PASS: The House unanimously — by a 420-0 vote — sent legislation [S. 585 \(115\)](#) expanding whistleblower protections for federal workers to the White House. It would also provide training to employees so they're aware of their rights. The chamber [rejected a push](#) from Democrats to expand the measure to include employees who call out superiors for "improper use of air transportation" after the resignation of former HHS Secretary Tom Price.

CASE STUDY IN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE WOES: Dilapidated infrastructure has forced the closure of a key lock on the Ohio River in southern Illinois that's led to a 57-mile backup of 51 towboats and 564 barges waiting to pass, Pro's Eric Wolff and Tanya Snyder [report](#) . The closure of Lock 52 highlights the need for the major cash infusion that Trump promised during a speech along the banks of the same river earlier this year. Deb Calhoun, a spokeswoman for the Waterways Council, said the advocacy group for water infrastructure would "hold the administration's feet to the fire," noting "the president said we need to fix it."

Situational awareness: Eric and Tanya note Trump himself hasn't spoken much about his infrastructure package recently — and that the fall timeline for Congress to craft a legislative infrastructure package has slipped away.

BACK IN THE DEEP SOUTH: Pruitt was in Mississippi Thursday where he met with Gov. Phil Bryant and held a roundtable to discuss the agency's recent proposal to pull back the Obama-era Waters of the U.S. regulation. "Our job at EPA is not to look at folks in Mississippi as adversaries, but as partners," Pruitt said in a statement. ME would note Pruitt does not appear to have held anything resembling this type of meeting in either the Northeast or Pacific Northwest to date.

MAIL CALL! THEY FOUND SOME BEEF: Four top House Democrats — [Peter DeFazio](#), [Betty McCollum](#), [Frank Pallone](#) and [Elijah Cummings](#) — sent a [letter](#) Thursday asking GAO to investigate whether EPA violated the Antideficiency Act and other federal laws when Pruitt appeared in National Cattlemen's Beef Association video urging members' to speak up as the agency considered whether to repeal WOTUS. "We request that GAO provide a legal opinion that addresses whether the Administrator's appearance in the promotional NCBA video in connection with the hyperlinked material on the NCBA website complies with the relevant limitations on the use of appropriated funds for lobbying and publicity or propaganda purposes and the Antideficiency Act," they wrote.

CONCERNED OVER SCIENTIFIC INTEGRITY: Two senior House Science Republicans — [Lamar Smith](#) and [Andy Biggs](#) — sent a [letter](#) to Pruitt on Thursday seeking a briefing, documents and other information about EPA's Integrated Risk Information System program, which establishes a federal database of the risks of various chemicals. "The Committee is concerned about persistent issues regarding the difficulty to correct IRIS assessments that appear to use low-quality science to justify results," they wrote.

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF GOOD LUCK WITH THAT: Sen. [Dianne Feinstein](#) sent a [letter](#) to Pruitt Thursday asking him to reconsider his move to rescind the Clean Power Plan. "Your decision to begin repealing the Clean Power Plan not only endangers the lives of Americans, it also undermines America's international credibility," she wrote.

GAMEPLAN FOR TACKLING SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and National Park Service acting Director Mike Reynolds will today announce a strategy for eliminating sexual harassment, discrimination and intimidation during an all-employee meeting at the Grand Canyon National Park. Zinke's opening remarks will be public, though an employee question and answer session will be closed.

DEMOCRATIC CONSERVATION GROUP LAUNCHES: A new grassroots organization, [Democratic Conservation Alliance](#), launches today with the goal of electing and defending Democratic politicians who will fight against anti-conservation policies. "On behalf of America's public land owners, the Democratic Conservation Alliance will help kick anti-park politicians out of office and replace them with champions of conservation who will make Teddy Roosevelt proud," Matt Lee-Ashley, a board member, said in a statement.

AU REVOIR? All fossil fuel powered vehicles would be off the streets of Paris by 2030 under a plan the city unveiled Thursday, POLITICO Europe's Marion Solletty [reports](#). "The target is by no means written as a 'ban' by 2030 in the climate plan, but rather as a trajectory which seems both credible and tenable," a press release said. Mayor Anne Hidalgo wants diesel cars off the street by 2024 and gasoline cars gone by 2030.

COULD BE INTERESTING: Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health examines public

and private sector responses to climate change today at noon with a panel featuring former EPA chief Gina McCarthy and Washington Gov. Jay Inslee. Watch [here](#).

MOVERS, SHAKERS: Jennifer Y. Brown is leaving her role as chief of staff for the House Science, Space and Technology Committee. The panel's current deputy chief of staff, Mark Marin, will replace her.

GOT PLANS FOR UNITED NATIONS FOOD DAY? Celebrate on Monday with our Pro Agriculture colleagues, who are hosting a high-level conversation on the future of the global food supply. The event, "Greening the Food Supply: Carrots and Sticks that Work," will explore success stories in sustainable agriculture and consider the challenges involved in achieving a sustainable global food supply. Eastern Market is the place: North Hall, 225 7th St., SE. The time is 11:30 a.m. RSVP: [here](#).

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House passes second massive disaster package [Back](#)

By Sarah Ferris | 10/12/2017 03:29 PM EDT

The House overwhelmingly passed a \$36.5 billion emergency funding package Thursday intended to aid hurricane recovery in Puerto Rico and several mainland states, as well as wildfire response efforts in California.

In approving (353-69) their second tranche of hurricane aid in less than five weeks, House lawmakers agreed to the largest disaster package since Hurricane Sandy. But members from both parties describe the latest infusion as a down payment for a much more costly and comprehensive response.

"We've had some incredible tragedies and natural disasters," House Appropriations Chairman [Rodney Frelinghuysen](#) (R-N.J.) said on the House floor Thursday. "We must act quickly to make sure the federal government fulfills its duties to millions of people in need."

The legislation ([H.R. 2266 \(115\)](#)) now heads to the Senate, where leaders plan to take it up once the chamber has finished work on a budget resolution.

In the wake of three deadly hurricanes that pounded the U.S. this season, the aid bill would send another \$18.7 billion to replenish the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief fund. That money is used for urgent recovery efforts like power restoration and debris removal, as well as individual needs like housing and child care assistance.

The measure also includes \$4.9 billion in loans to help Puerto Rico's government make payroll for emergency services like police and fire departments.

The federal government has declared a dozen major disasters since August, from the hurricane-battered Florida coastline to California wine country.

More than three weeks after Hurricane Maria hit, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are still reeling from their most devastating disaster in decades and could remain largely without power through the end of the year.

The bill mostly mirrors the White House's [request](#), including a contentious \$16 billion to partially wipe out the National Flood Insurance Program's debt.

Several House Republicans, particularly on the Financial Services Committee, [balked](#) at the idea of backing a longtime Democratic priority. Other conservatives, fueled by criticism from groups like [Heritage Action](#) and [Club for Growth](#), condemned the idea of including a flood program "bailout" in an emergency spending bill without reforms to help reach long-term solvency.

The GOP opposition was not enough to endanger the bill, however. Leadership ultimately fast-tracked the legislation, using a process for non-controversial bills that requires the support of two-thirds of those voting to achieve passage.

Hours before the House began debate, the disaster relief bill took on fresh urgency as President

Donald Trump threatened to pull back federal resources from Puerto Rico. "We cannot keep FEMA, the Military & the First Responders, who have been amazing (under the most difficult circumstances) in P.R. forever!" he tweeted.

Using their debate time to condemn those remarks, several House Democrats were warned by the presiding officer not to barrage the president on the floor of the House.

"Mr. President, do not send a message to any American that we will turn our backs on them," the House's No. 2 Democrat, Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.), said before the passage vote. "That is not fair, that is not right, and you ought to correct the statement you made."

Rep. Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.), the top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, called the president's outburst "reckless" at a time when "Americans are suffering and simply trying to survive." And Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Fla.) accused Trump of "indifference and soft bigotry."

Congress has already enacted \$15 billion in emergency aid for hurricane-battered states like Florida and Texas — a bill (H.R. 601 (115)) signed more than a week before Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico.

Democrats have for weeks demanded another cash infusion for the Caribbean territory, where the Trump administration has been accused of responding too slowly.

GOP leaders initially argued that manpower — not cash — was FEMA's most essential resource in the immediate wake of Maria. And a formal funding request was not expected until mid-to-late October.

But as public pressure mounted, the White House ultimately sped up its timeline and submitted a request last week.

Adding to that wish list on Tuesday, the Trump administration called for \$4.9 billion to stave off what Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló warned could become a "liquidity crisis."

Lawmakers from both parties, including the full 38-member Texas delegation, have pressed for funding beyond FEMA aid and debt relief for the flood insurance program. Local lawmakers say they desperately need cash for other rebuilding tools, like the Community Development Block Grant program and the Army Corps of Engineers.

House appropriators have said those programs will likely see boosts in a future aid package, while the current bill is intended for the most urgent, life-saving efforts.

"This is the second step. This is not going to be the last one. We are going to need a lot of more help in the coming months," Resident Commissioner Jennifer González-Colón, who represents Puerto Rico, said on the floor. "It will take a lot of resources, a lot of money and a lot of commitment of U.S. citizens like we are."

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Trump sparks new backlash after threatening Puerto Rico aid [Back](#)

By Matthew Nussbaum and Louis Nelson | 10/12/2017 07:57 AM EDT

President Donald Trump on Thursday suggested that U.S. citizens on the hurricane-ravaged island of Puerto Rico shouldn't get used to assistance from the federal government — a statement that sparked new outrage and left the White House on the defensive.

"Electric and all infrastructure was disaster before hurricanes," Trump wrote on Twitter in a series of posts. "Congress to decide how much to spend. We cannot keep FEMA, the Military & the First Responders, who have been amazing (under the most difficult circumstances) in P.R. forever!"

Trump has come under fire for appearing to blame Puerto Rico for neglecting its infrastructure and financial health in recent years, while sparring with local officials and initially giving the U.S. territory less attention than hurricane victims in Texas and Florida.

The tweets on Thursday — which landed as nearly 90 percent of the island was still without power and nearly 40 percent of residents lack access to clean drinking water — particularly touched a nerve.

"It is not that you do not get it; you are incapable of fulfilling the moral imperative to help the people of PR. Shame on you.![sic]" Carmen Yulín Cruz, the mayor of San Juan, wrote on Twitter. In recent weeks, she has been a target of severe criticism from Trump, who dismissed her and other critics as "politically motivated ingrates."

Puerto Rico's governor, Ricardo Rosselló, sought a less fiery path, writing on Twitter: "The U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico are requesting the support that any of our fellow citizens would receive across our Nation."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said at a news conference that Trump's broadside "is heartbreaking and it lacks knowledge."

Two other Democrats, Reps. Nydia Velazquez (D-N.Y.) and Bennie Thompson (D-Miss.), even asked the Department of Homeland Security to investigate the possible underreporting of deaths caused by Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico.

The concern was not contained to Democrats. House Speaker Paul Ryan echoed Trump's comment that the island needs fiscal reforms, but suggested now was not the time for that debate.

"At the moment, and it's why I'm going down there tomorrow, there's a humanitarian crisis that needs to be attended to and this is an area where the federal government has a responsibility, and we're acting on it," Ryan said.

The White House sought to clean up the comments later on Thursday, with chief of staff John Kelly telling reporters later that "the U.S. military and FEMA can't be there forever."

"The minute you go anywhere as a first responder, and this would apply certainly to the military, you are trying very hard to work yourself out of a job," Kelly said during a surprise appearance at the White House briefing, adding that FEMA and the military can be withdrawn "hopefully sooner rather than later."

He said he had spoken with Rosselló earlier Thursday and that the White House enjoys a "great relationship" with the governor. "Our country will stand with those American cities in Puerto Rico until the job is done," Kelly added.

The White House also released a statement from press secretary Sarah Sanders on Thursday afternoon.

"Our job in any disaster affected location is to help the community respond and recover from that disaster. We continue to do so with the full force of the U.S. government and its resources in Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands and other affected areas," Sanders said. "Successful recoveries do not last forever; they should be as swift as possible to help people resume their normal lives. We are committed to helping Puerto Rico. Our Administration is working with Governor Rossello and Congress to identify the best fiscally responsible path forward."

And a White House official stressed that Puerto Rico's debt crisis would be addressed independently of the disaster relief process.

Trump's morning warning came after White House officials had stressed for weeks their intention to work with Puerto Rico throughout the recovery process. And Trump himself had said last month that "we will not rest ... until the people of Puerto Rico are safe."

"These are great people. We want them to be safe and sound and secure, and we will be there every day until that happens," Trump said at a manufacturing event on Sept. 29.

Puerto Rico has struggled with the devastation from a particularly heavy hurricane season, one that included a direct hit from Hurricane Maria late last month that devastated large swaths of the island. The official death toll from the storm has risen to 45, CNN reported Wednesday, and at least 113 people are unaccounted for.

Reports of desperation are piling up, including from federal government officials. The Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday warned Puerto Rican residents against breaking into industrial waste sites in search of drinking water. And The New York Times reported that medical care remains a challenge on the island, with just 43 of the island's 72 open hospitals currently operating with power.

Still, Trump has asserted that his administration's handling of the storm has been a great success, and he has rejected any criticism of the effort as "fake news."

Even as the president has continued to rail against the territory, Congress on Thursday moved forward on hurricane relief funds, which the White House has also advocated for.

The U.S. House passed a \$36.5 billion aid package, much of it targeted at Puerto Rico, by a vote

of 353-69. The legislation marks the largest disaster package since the one provided for Hurricane Sandy victims in 2013.

The money would replenish the Federal Emergency Management Agency's coffers by roughly \$18 billion, which lawmakers say is enough to last for several more weeks. That includes \$4.9 billion in emergency loans to ensure the cash-strapped island government can pay its workers and other debts.

But GOP leaders have been clear that another installment of aid will be needed before the end of this year. Emergency responders from all federal agencies, from FEMA to the Defense Department, have been going quickly through their cash reserves in Puerto Rico's worst disaster in decades.

And Democrats are saying that Trump's rhetoric is not helping.

"The President of the United States' most solemn duty is to protect the safety and the security of the American people. By suggesting he might abdicate this responsibility for our fellow citizens in Puerto Rico, Mr. Trump has called into question his ability to lead," Velázquez said in a statement.

Sarah Ferris, Colin Wilhelm, Rachael Bade and Heather Caygle contributed to this report.

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Conservatives fret Perry's grid rule runs counter to market goals [Back](#)

By Darius Dixon | 10/12/2017 05:24 PM EDT

Energy Secretary Rick Perry hardened his position Thursday calling for changes to electricity markets to support coal-fired power plants, even as a rising chorus of conservative voices accused him of abandoning the free market principles that have been a cornerstone of the Republican Party.

Testifying before a House Energy and Commerce subcommittee, Perry rejected the notion that power markets were fair, and he pointed to financial support that has been doled out to other energy sources for years.

"I don't think that you have this perfect free-market world," Perry told lawmakers. "We subsidize a lot of different energy sources. We subsidize wind energy. We subsidize ethanol. We subsidize solar. We subsidize oil and gas. The question is how do you make it as fair as you can?"

Perry's proposal, made public late last month, directed FERC to fast-track a new regulation in power markets overseen by the agency that would allow full cost recovery for power plants that keep 90 days' worth of fuel on-site, a threshold that would only include coal and nuclear power plants.

"We have subsidized the energy industry for a long time. I, frankly, don't have a problem with that," he said.

Perry's plan quickly drew opposition from the renewable energy industry and many power generators, as well as the oil and natural gas sector, which has been the biggest competitor for coal in recent years. Market advocates have also criticized Perry, saying that he has turned his back on the market mechanisms that have been at the heart of Republican economic policies — and that his home state of Texas implemented under former Gov. George W. Bush.

"This is inconsistent with a longstanding policy of fiscal responsibility and open markets that have always been espoused by what I thought of as the Republican Party. I'm not sure that we're in the same place today," said former Republican FERC commissioner Nora Mead Brownell. "This doesn't feel like draining the swamp to me. It feels like the swamp is expanding and oozing, and now is tinged with coal dust."

Perry's proposal "undoes 20 to 25 years of really hard work," she said.

Republican Rob Powelson, a new FERC commissioner, told a gathering of state regulators last week that he didn't "sign up to blow up the markets," according to S&P Global Market Intelligence. He later added in an email to POLITICO that the agency was "looking to address some of these market issues but not looking to [undo] the organized markets by picking winners and losers or creating moral hazards in the marketplace."

Critics contend that if FERC adopted Perry's proposal, the electricity markets that dictate prices for tens of millions of Americans from New Jersey to Illinois would be fundamentally altered to anchor coal and nuclear plants to the electric grid at great cost without a clear guarantee that they wouldn't lose power when the next natural disaster swings through.

But Perry has cast the issue as critical for ensuring the security of the country.

"What's the cost of freedom? What does it cost to build a system to keep America free?" Perry asked Rep. [Paul Tonko](#) (D-N.Y.), who had pressed him on whether DOE had considered how much his recent proposal to aid coal and nuclear power might cost consumers.

Coal is the nation's most abundant power-plant fuel, but a combination of environmental regulations, huge surges in natural gas and renewable-energy production and slumping demand for electricity have prompted power companies to [shutter](#) many coal-burning plants over the past decade. As recently as 2007, coal provided more than half the electric power sector's net electricity generation — but as of this summer, that share had fallen to less than a third.

Still, other members of the administration are still using free-market arguments to attack former President Barack Obama's climate change policies. At a Monday event in Kentucky's coal country with Senate Majority Leader [Mitch McConnell](#), EPA chief Scott Pruitt stuck to complaints Republicans have long used to bash the Obama EPA's Clean Power Plan, decrying it as something that "really was about picking winners and losers."

But for many conservatives, it's hard to savor the victory of dismantling Obama's Clean Power Plan when the Trump administration is standing up a new government intervention.

"It certainly came out of left field for me," Nick Loris, an energy and environment fellow for The Heritage Foundation, said of Perry's proposal. "When I think about what 'all of the above' energy looks like, it shouldn't mean subsidize all of the above. And this DOE regulation is pushing us down that pathway, and not to limited government."

Loris was also unhappy with DOE's recent decision to increase federal loan guarantees for over-budget Vogtle nuclear reactors in Georgia by \$3.7 billion.

"For an administration that is intent on wanting to drain the swamp, this is certainly not helping," Loris said.

Perry, who President Donald Trump has pressed to keep Ohio coal-fired power plants open, has said he was interested in a "conversation" about how to increase the resilience of the grid, but he emphasized on Thursday it was imperative that FERC take quick action.

"We can have a conversation and I think [FERC] must move. I think they must act. We've kicked this can down the road," he told lawmakers.

But some conservatives say even though U.S. energy markets are far from perfect, Perry's approach is the wrong one.

"There is no free market, but you don't fight intervention with intervention," said Tom Pyle, president of the pro-market Institute for Energy Research who led Trump's DOE transition team. "He's recognized the symptoms but he's not proposing the right cure."

Other critics pointed to the irony of a Texan seeking to undermine the power markets, since the Lone Star state runs perhaps the most free-wheeling electricity system in the country.

"If you've just joined the conversation today, I think you'd be knocked over by the irony of a Republican — indeed a Texas Republican — advocating for getting in the way of market competition and directly imposing a winner-picking outcome," said Joe Goffman, a senior EPA air adviser under Obama.

"To say that there's no free market in electricity is so beside the point as to border on the disingenuous," he added. "Nobody's arguing that there's a free market. What people are arguing for is an unrigged market."

Even other conservatives find Perry's position particularly awkward.

"There's no free market for electricity, but the one example you could find that might actually call that into question is the state of Texas," said Travis Kavulla, a Republican who is a vice chairman of Montana's utility regulator. "It's certainly dissonant with both his reputation, but also the policies of his state, which is really unique among the states and has an extremely vibrant and competitive wholesale and retail market for electricity."

Perry had the power to fast-track the issue but the proposal's fate decision will ultimately fall to five commissioners at FERC, an agency made up largely of technocrats that has long sought to safeguard the energy markets. But a DOE official said that the proposal was not shared with

federal regulators before it was filed but also emphasized that DOE expects — and is almost counting on — FERC to make major changes to the proposal.

"It is impossible to actually foresee this being implemented as-written," Kavulla said. "It's inconceivable that FERC would adopt this. In some ways, this is just DOE lighting a firecracker and throwing it in FERC's direction and saying, 'These coal people have really been on our case. Do something about it!'"

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Trump eyes climate skeptic for key White House environmental post [Back](#)

By Alex Guillén and Andrew Restuccia | 04/12/2017 06:00 PM EDT

President Donald Trump may tap a vocal critic of climate change science to serve as the highest-ranking environmental official in the White House.

Kathleen Hartnett White, who says carbon emissions are harmless and should not be regulated, is a top contender to run the Council on Environmental Quality, the White House's in-house environmental policy shop, sources close to the administration told POLITICO.

White House officials brought White in for an interview late last month, according to a person familiar with the hiring process, and Trump met with White at Trump Tower in November when she was under consideration to lead the Environmental Protection Agency.

Adding White to the administration would be a major win for Steve Bannon, Trump's chief strategist, and other hard-line conservatives in the White House, who have been feuding behind the scenes for weeks with the more moderate forces in the West Wing over issues like climate change. And her nomination could appease Trump's climate skeptic supporters, who have [criticized](#) EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for hesitating to revisit his agency's conclusion that global warming threatens public health.

Trump administration officials are divided over whether White is the best person for the job, and they are also considering other candidates to lead CEQ, sources said. A White House spokeswoman declined to comment, saying, "We will let you know when we have an announcement."

Like Pruitt, the former Oklahoma attorney general and fossil fuel ally, White would be another voice from a large oil and gas producing state in charge of climate change and environmental policy.

White is a former chairwoman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality who now works for a conservative think tank in the Lone Star State. Energy Secretary Rick Perry, a former Texas governor, is said to be advocating on White's candidacy behind the scenes.

Tapping White would only deepen environmentalists' fears that the new administration will

implement a wholesale reversal of former President Barack Obama's approach to climate change as a serious, long-term threat to the environment and national security.

White sat on Trump's economic advisory council during his campaign and since 2008 has worked at the Austin-based conservative think tank Texas Public Policy Foundation, which has received funding from Koch Industries, ExxonMobil, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Devon Energy and other energy companies and utilities. White, who was a registered lobbyist with the group until Nov. 29, has long been a major voice in the niche industry of public figures who question climate science data or downplay the risks of global warming.

"Carbon dioxide is not a pollutant, and carbon is certainly not a poison. Carbon is the chemical basis of all life on earth. Our bones and blood are made out of carbon," White wrote in a June op-ed. She added that CO₂ is the "gas of life" because it is a nutrient used by plants — an argument frequently raised by climate skeptics that most scientists say distracts from the climate-changing components of the gas.

White's position contrasts sharply with established climate science. In its most recent comprehensive report, the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the leading scientific body on global warming, concluded that the Earth is warming because of human-generated emissions — and that time is running short to stave off the worst risks of climate change, including increased temperatures, more extreme weather, sea level rise and ocean acidification.

Similar findings have been reached by U.S. authorities, including EPA, NASA and NOAA — all agencies that would be subject to guidance White would issue as CEQ chair, if she were confirmed by the Senate.

In an interview with POLITICO in September, White proposed establishing a "blue ribbon commission" to relitigate climate science, underscoring her unorthodox belief that the science showing human-induced climate change is unsettled.

The commission, she said, would develop an "alternative scientific methodology" to the IPCC, whose usefulness she said has "reached its peak."

If nominated, White would likely be an advocate within the administration of reopening the foundation of Obama's climate change agenda: EPA's 2009 "endangerment finding," a scientific conclusion that greenhouse gases constitute a threat to public health or welfare.

Trump told an industry-backed think tank last year that he will "review" the endangerment finding, a potentially difficult task given the scientific consensus on the issue. Any withdrawal of the finding would be challenged by environmentalists in court.

Pruitt has so far declined to reopen the endangerment finding, a decision that has infuriated some of Trump's conservative supporters.

White would be able to play a key role in shaping the Trump administration's overall approach to climate change, and she has been clear that she does not think the issue should be addressed by EPA. In 2015, she argued that Obama's rules to limit carbon emissions from power plants

marked "an unprecedented expansion of federal administrative power" with "no measurable climate benefits." And last May, she urged House Speaker Paul Ryan to pass a bill that would block EPA from regulating carbon dioxide, methane, hydrofluorocarbons or other greenhouse gases.

At CEQ, White could direct other agencies to turn their attention away from climate change, and she would be in charge of implementing recent executive orders on energy development and regulatory streamlining. Last month, Trump ordered the council to revoke recently issued guidance directing all federal agencies to consider climate change when they conduct environmental reviews under the National Environmental Policy Act, a decision that would be difficult to challenge in court. And in January, the president told CEQ to come up with a plan to expedite environmental reviews for major infrastructure projects.

While environmentalists have long accused GOP officials of dragging their feet on climate change, White is by far the most outspoken critic of the underlying science — and the most ardent defender of fossil fuels — that Trump has considered to serve in his administration.

In a 2014 blog post, White took aim at an article in The Nation by MSNBC host Chris Hayes, whose "recommendation to avert global warming, like most warmist policies, toys with the greatest advance made by mankind," she wrote. In White's view, there is a connection between "the abolition of slavery and humanity's first widespread use of energy from fossil fuels." The rise of coal and oil, she argued, provided economic incentive to end the practice of slavery in the U.S. and elsewhere. (One critic fired back that the industrial revolution actually "exacerbated" slavery by increasing the demands for slave-produced goods such as cotton.)

Putting a permanent CEQ chair in place would also raise the question of where Trump wants decision-making on environmental issues to happen — in the White House or at agencies.

The Obama administration shifted major environmental responsibilities from CEQ to EPA and some other agencies as it sought aggressive action on climate change. It remains unclear whether Trump's CEQ will continue in that vein or have a greater role in policymaking, though outside Republicans have encouraged Trump aides to grant the council wide latitude.

The council was run from 2015 through the end of Obama's term by Christy Goldfuss, an unconfirmed managing director. Obama never nominated a replacement for his first CEQ chair, Nancy Sutley, who left in 2014.

White's criticisms of Obama environmental regulations go beyond climate change.

She said in 2015 that EPA's Waters of the U.S. rule, which determines which bodies of water are subject to federal oversight, "is about amending the definitions of well understood words into tortured versions of themselves so that the EPA can seize control of dry land where water may flow after heavy rains."

She also criticized the new ozone standard of 70 parts per billion, calling the rule's scientific conclusions "a statistical house of cards" and predicting it "may be the straw that breaks the back of our struggling economy."

White, who received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Stanford University, was a commissioner at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality from 2001 to 2007, serving as chairman for the last four years of that term. She previously sat on the Texas Water Development Board.

Environmentalists do give White some credit for advances made during her tenure at TCEQ.

Luke Metzger, director of Environment Texas, told POLITICO that she helped implement a legislative order to create an online reporting system for major emissions events, which is still used by green activists to track noncompliance by major energy companies. Metzger also credited her with a "slightly improved" enforcement policy, though he noted that she blocked an effort by a fellow TCEQ commissioner in 2006 to boost penalties.

In 2008, White joined the Texas Public Policy Foundation, where she directs its Armstrong Center for Energy & the Environment.

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Trump's pick for NOAA chief causes a storm [Back](#)

By Andrew Restuccia | 10/12/2017 07:52 PM EDT

As a top executive at AccuWeather, Barry Myers has pushed for limits on the kinds of products that the National Weather Service offers to the public, saying they offered unfair competition to his industry.

Now, President Donald Trump's nomination of Myers to lead the weather service's parent agency could allow him to make those kinds of restrictions mandatory — to the benefit of his family-run forecasting company.

The AccuWeather CEO's nomination to head the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is stirring criticism from people who worry he would hobble the weather service, which provoked an industry backlash more than a decade ago by making hour-by-hour forecasts, cellphone alerts and other consumer-friendly data widely available online. A [bill](#) that Myers supported 12 years ago, sponsored by then-Sen. Rick Santorum, would have prohibited the agency from competing with private providers in most circumstances.

Myers, who has served as a NOAA adviser, has more recently [spoken of cooperation](#) with the agency, including industry's advocacy for Congress to fund its budget. But his critics expressed misgivings nonetheless.

"I fear that he'll do irreparable harm to an agency whose primary mission is to save lives," said Daniel Sobien, the president of the National Weather Service Employees Organization, which strongly opposes Myers' nomination. "There seems to be a huge conflict of interest considering his business background and belief system."

Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) agreed, calling Myers a "questionable" choice.

"As the CEO of AccuWeather, Barry Myers views NOAA as a direct competitor that provides high-quality forecasts for free," Schatz said in a statement Thursday. He added that "Mr. Myers will have to work very hard to persuade me that he will run NOAA for the public good."

Myers' defenders say they hope he'll use his long experience running a major weather enterprise to modernize NOAA, which also oversees fisheries, marine sanctuaries, endangered species, climate research, satellite data and its own uniformed officer corps.

"In past decade, AccuWeather has embraced 'Big Data' and become an advertising & digital innovation behemoth under Myers' leadership," wrote Ryan Maue, the chief operations officer at the website Weather.us, in a post on Twitter. Maue separately told POLITICO: "I expect Myers to bring that same vision to NOAA and enhance collaboration with the private sector especially in the role of space-based remote sensing and satellites."

Myers did not return a call to his office Thursday, and a lobbyist who works with AccuWeather did not respond to emails seeking comment.

Myers, whose brother Joel founded AccuWeather in 1962, would join a roster of other business leaders whom Trump has installed atop his agencies — many of them bringing considerable potential conflicts of interest to the job. He has degrees in law and business, not the science and math degrees that Bush's and President Barack Obama's NOAA chiefs had.

Richard Painter, who served as the top ethics official for President George W. Bush, said Myers can probably meet the legal requirements to separate himself from his business. But, he added: "The appearances are awful. He should recuse from any matter that could have a financial impact on the company. And he should sell the stock."

Myers indeed "will be liquidating all of his private sector holdings," said a spokesman for NOAA's parent agency, the Commerce Department, adding that he'll "be subject to the same ethics and recusal requirements as any federal official."

The spokesman also rejected suggestions that Myers would clamp down on the weather service's public offerings. He said Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, who chose Myers for the job, "sees the provision of timely, accurate data to the public as one of the Department's core missions. This includes weather data provided by the NWS, so there is no risk that Myers will restrict NWS provision of data to the public."

"Myers has also been a strong proponent of free and open weather data to the public," the spokesman added.

But in 2005, Myers supported Santorum's widely panned bill, which would have prohibited the weather service from offering a product or service "that is or could be provided by the private sector" — a provision that would have benefited companies like AccuWeather.

The bill made some exceptions, including information needed to protect life and property, but weather entrepreneurs, hobbyists, airline pilots and open-government advocates said it would

have choked off a wealth of data that the National Weather Service had begun making widely available. The legislation would have countered a 2004 policy change by the Bush administration that had eased restrictions on the weather service's ability to offer new products and services.

"It is not an easy prospect for a business to attract advertisers, subscribers, or investors when the government is providing similar products and services for free," Santorum said when introducing his bill. Critics, including Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.), noted that taxpayers had already paid for the weather service's data.

Myers told The Palm Beach Post at the time that he wanted the weather service to return to its "core mission ... which is protecting other people's lives and property," rather than spending "hundreds of millions of dollars a year, every day, producing forecasts of 'warm and sunny.'"

"We work hard every day competing with other companies and we also have to compete with the government," he told ABC News a month later.

Myers had donated \$1,000 to Santorum's Senate campaign in 2004 and 2005, though the executive also has a track record of donating to both Democratic and Republican politicians, including Trump, Hillary Clinton and Mitt Romney. Santorum and Myers are both prominent alumni of Penn State University, and AccuWeather is based near the school's main campus in State College, Pa.

Santorum's bill went nowhere, however — an outcome that Maue said turned out to be "the best thing that could have happened for Accuweather as they were on the ground floor of the digital/smart phone App revolution for weather apps."

More recently, Myers testified to the House Science Committee last year about the need for "embracing free and open data in all situations," while maintaining that "the best public facing forecasts and information comes from the weather industry." Still, he said government, industry and academia each bring their own strengths to the relationship, adding that "NWS need not do everything to keep Americans safe. Others can share the load."

Myers estimated that cooperation among the federal government, the private weather industry and academic researchers had saved 1 million to 2 million lives since the late 1950s.

But Sobien, the union chief, expressed skepticism about the kind of partnership Myers envisions.

"In the past, he has supported proposals that essentially made it so the National Weather Service's only function was to provide data to companies like AccuWeather who would then repackage that data and sell them," Sobien said.

AccuWeather, which says its forecasts appear on more than 200 major television stations, 900 radio stations and 180,000 websites, has also been aggressive over the years in criticizing the weather service for what it sees as its shortcomings. Among other incidents, the company complained that the weather service had underestimated the strength of Hurricane Claudette before it hit Texas in 2003, and it said the federal agency was late to issue warnings about a 2015 tornado in Oklahoma.

As recently as February, AccuWeather's website highlighted an incident in which some of NOAA's weather data suffered a "significant outage," while noting that "AccuWeather-produced services remained available and reliable."

AccuWeather's sharp-elbowed approach also extends to competition with its rival The Weather Channel, which it replaced two years ago on Verizon's FiOS television lineup. AccuWeather's website has also inspired eye-rolling among some in the weather community by offering 90-day forecasts, which one meteorologist blogging for the American Geophysical Union dismissed as "scientifically indefensible" and "even worse than the Farmer's Almanac."

Members of the small community of weather watchers, who never forgot AccuWeather's support for Santorum's bill, contend it will be nearly impossible for Myers to fully eliminate his conflicts of interest.

Myers' brother Joel still serves as the company's president and chairman of the board. Their brother Evan is the chief operating officer.

"His family owns the business and he knows the decisions he makes are going to affect the business for years and potentially decades to come," said Andrew Rosenberg, director of the Union of Concerned Scientists' Center for Science and Democracy. He added, "My biggest concern is not that somebody has a business background, but do they genuinely recognize that a job in government is a fundamentally different one from managing and running a private business for profit."

Others are reserving judgment.

David Titley, a former NOAA official during the Obama administration, said he prefers not to comment on personnel decisions. "We will all have to wait & see in what direction Barry wants to take NOAA," he said in an email.

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Dems move to shield whistleblowers who report pricey travel [Back](#)

By Kyle Cheney | 10/12/2017 03:08 PM EDT

House Democrats on Thursday sought to expand whistleblower protections for federal workers who call out superiors for "improper use of air transportation," following the mounting questions about Trump administration officials' use of expensive forms of travel.

Lawmakers offered the proposal as part of a debate over broader whistleblower protection. It was rejected by Republicans, as expected, but forced GOP lawmakers to vote on an issue that has drawn increasing scrutiny, as several Trump Cabinet members have faced criticism for regular use of chartered or military jets.

Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price resigned last month after a POLITICO

investigation revealed he took hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of chartered flights, sometimes to go short distances. And other Cabinet members — including Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke — have faced questions about expensive travel at taxpayer expense.

A bill under consideration — the Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act — would prohibit federal employees from accessing medical records of job applicants or subordinates and includes punishment for supervisors who retaliate against whistleblowers. The bill also offers more training to supervisors about whistleblower protections.

Democrats offered their proposal as a "motion to recommit," which would have sent the bill back to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform to be changed to include their proposed amendment.

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Ohio River jam highlights absence of Trump's infrastructure plan [Back](#)

By Eric Wolff and Tanya Snyder | 10/12/2017 06:59 PM EDT

Shipments of coal and grain are paralyzed at a critical chokepoint on the Ohio River due to dilapidated infrastructure, highlighting the need for the kind of major capital investment that President Donald Trump promised, in a speech along the banks of the same river, three months ago.

Lock 52 on the Ohio River in southern Illinois closed Oct. 9 because its infrastructure is too decrepit to function effectively in high water, and it could be several more days before the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reopens it. The closure has created a 57-mile backup of 51 towboats and 564 barges waiting to pass, according to the Waterways Council, an advocacy group for water infrastructure.

Trump visited this key inland waterway in June, emphasizing the importance of waterways and promising investment. But Trump's fiscal 2018 budget proposal called for cuts to civil works spending. And his campaign promise of \$1 trillion for infrastructure is so far unrealized, even as the New Deal-era locks and dams on the Ohio River degrade and unscheduled delays balloon.

That's left commodities producers, who depend on waterways for bulk transportation, in the lurch. In 2015, companies shipped 575 million tons of commodities worth \$302 billion via waterways. Of that total, coal makes up the largest single industry at 23 percent, with grains following at 15 percent.

Waterways infrastructure, much of which was built in the 1920s and 1930s and some as part of President Franklin Roosevelt's public works programs, is long past its expected lifespan. The Waterways Council says unscheduled delays have grown by 700 percent over the last decade. The closure of a single lock on the Mississippi River during harvest season could cost \$933 million, according to a University of Tennessee [study](#).

Carol Labashosky, a spokeswoman for the Louisville district of the Army Corps of Engineers, said having to close Lock 52 isn't unique historically, but there have been frequent intermittent closures at this lock as well as another one downriver throughout September and October. "This fall we've had quite a few closures," Labashosky said. "Some of them have only been a couple of days or one day, but this is a lengthy delay."

Labashosky said they'll reopen the lock "as soon as the river cooperates," which she estimated would happen Friday or Saturday. Others are betting on Oct. 15 or 16.

Industries reliant on waterways are looking to Trump's promises of infrastructure investment to help modernize and update the locks and dams. The Waterways Council agrees. Deb Calhoun, a spokeswoman for the group, said they want to "hold the administration's feet to the fire."

"The president said we need to fix it," she said.

In June, Trump spoke on the banks of the Ohio River, in front of a barge filled with West Virginia coal, to proclaim that "America must have the best, fastest and most reliable infrastructure anywhere in the world." Noting the "dilapidated system of locks and dams that are more than half a century old" and the "\$8.7 billion maintenance backlog that is only getting bigger and getting worse," Trump declared: "We cannot accept these conditions any longer."

But in May the administration released a fiscal 2018 budget that proposed to cut the Corps' civil works budget by about 17 percent. The amount proposed would fund only a small number of the 25 congressionally authorized priority projects, which have a combined portfolio value of \$8.8 billion.

Calhoun said they are "trying to move forward and not stop and go backwards," and observed that the budget came out when Trump was "pretty new on the job."

Trump's budget did address the urgent bottleneck at Locks and Dams 52 and 53. Though it proposed to shut down work on four ongoing Corps waterways projects, it requested \$26 million out of the Inland Waterways Trust Fund for the Olmsted Locks and Dam project, which was supposed to solve the problems at Locks and Dams 52 and 53 years ago, but has been mired in delays due to a misguided attempt at a new dam-building method.

The Olmsted project, authorized in 1988, was supposed to be finished in 10 years for \$775 million. The Corps claims it will be done next summer, nearly 30 years later — with a final cost close to \$3 billion.

For the remainder of the 25 projects Congress wants to see built, industries are waiting on the infrastructure package Trump promised during the campaign.

Trump himself hasn't spoken much about his infrastructure package since proposing that \$1 trillion in spending could be leveraged by \$200 billion from the federal government. In fact, he has since indicated he may be souring on public-private partnerships, which administration officials and Republican lawmakers had long said would fund 80 percent of the plan. The battle over health care has pushed back the promised tax overhaul, which is not expected to be quick business either. The fall timeline for Congress to craft a legislative infrastructure package has

slipped away, and no one knows to when.

Ohio-based coal producer Murray Energy depends on inland waterways to move its product, and is calling for more spending.

"We certainly support President Trump's commitment to rebuild America's infrastructure, particularly the locks and dams along the Ohio, Monongahela and Mississippi Rivers," spokesman Gary Broadbent told POLITICO.

Even if the Olmsted Locks and Dam opens on time next summer, the project won't be finished until 2022, when the existing Lock 52 and 53 are finally pulled out of the river.

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Here is the text of the BSEE release. We expect to issue this afternoon; we do not have an exact time currently. I will advise when we do have an exact time for issuance.

BSEE Responds to Oil Release in the Gulf of Mexico

NEW ORLEANS, LA - The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) is responding to a report from LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC of an oil release from subsea infrastructure in 4,463 feet water depth in the Gulf of Mexico approximately 40 miles southeast of Venice, La.

The offshore oil and gas operator, LLOG Exploration Offshore, LLC reported to BSEE that production from the field that flows through the subsea infrastructure is shut-in at this time. A sheen was observed and reported through the National Response Center. Monitoring of the residual sheen continues. There are no reports of personnel injuries.

The source of the release has been identified. LLOG reported that through the use of a remotely-operated vehicle, a crack was observed in a jumper pipe leading from Mississippi Canyon Block 209 , Well No. 1 to a manifold located on the seafloor. As a result of securing the well, the flow through the crack in the pipe has ceased.

A BSEE engineer was on-site at LLOG's incident command Thursday to verify the release source via the live feed from the ROV. Two BSEE inspectors traveled offshore today to LLOG's Delta House platform and have initiated BSEE's investigation.

More information including the estimation of spill volume will be provided as it becomes available.

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On Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 3:11 PM, Russell Newell <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Thanks Eileen

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On Oct 13, 2017, at 3:10 PM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Super helpful, thank you.

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On Oct 13, 2017, at 3:09 PM, Angelico, Eileen <eileen.angelico@bsee.gov> wrote:

Yes, we will send ahead.
No needs at present, wanted to be sure to make you aware.

Eileen

On Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 3:06 PM, Laura Rigas <laura_rigas@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Can you pls send us the statement before it goes out? We are on the press call with the boss now about the NPS survey. Thx for the heads up! What do you need from us? Happy to help in any way.

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On Oct 13, 2017, at 3:03 PM, Angelico, Eileen <eileen.angelico@bsee.gov> wrote:

Laura, Russell, and Heather,

There is an offshore incident in the Gulf of Mexico that is under control.
ASLM and Deputy Secretary have been informed and

Scott is keeping them updated. We do plan to put out a statement. Do you need to me discuss with you?

Let me know, thanks.

Eileen

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For sure

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On Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 3:43 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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spoke with Gavin and Paul on this. (b)(5)

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On Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 8:58 AM, Shire, Gavin <gavin_shire@fws.gov> wrote:

Heather,
Could you call me about this matter at your earliest convenience to follow up on Todd's request? Thanks,

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Gavin -- See my exchange with Todd below. Could you discuss with Heather and figure out how the Department wants to proceed? thanks -- GDF

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I am going to defer to Interior Communications on this and asked Heather Swift to track. Can you have the FWS press shop present this to her for consideration?

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On Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 8:06 AM, Frazer, Gary <gary_frazer@fws.gov> wrote:

Todd -- I spoke with our Public Affairs folks yesterday about (b)(5)

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In light of this, would you like us to (b)(5) Regardless, we do sincerely regret the lapse in judgment in speaking with a reporter on this matter. -- GDF

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On Wed, Oct 11, 2017 at 3:07 PM, Goeken, Richard <richard.goeken@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

The article was in "Inside EPA." It is an electronic newsletter and also comes weekly in a paper format.

DAILY NEWS

Pesticide Reviews Advance But EPA Attainment Of Court Schedule Uncertain

October 02, 2017

Trump administration officials are reviewing staff-level draft biological opinions of the first pesticides to undergo a new process for assessing risks to endangered species but it is unclear whether they will complete their reviews and forward them to EPA in time to meet a year-end court deadline for issuing the final versions. Gina Shultz, deputy assistant director of ecological services at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), tells *Inside EPA* in a recent interview that the service has completed drafts of the first three biological opinions (BiOps) and is currently seeking Trump administration review before forwarding the documents to EPA. “We are in the process of trying to brief our new policy leadership team” on the first three draft BiOps completed under an Obama-era framework for assessing pesticide risks to listed species. “We want to make sure that everybody understands and is comfortable with what this is and the science behind” the new process and the initial reviews.

Federal officials face a court-ordered year-end deadline for reviewing the first three chemicals -- chlorpyrifos, malathion and diazinon -- to undergo a new inter-agency process for assessing pesticides' risks under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). But some environmentalists fear the Trump administration will fail to complete the reviews after Dow AgroSciences and other industry officials urged the Trump administration to scrap the process largely crafted during the Obama administration, though they warn that scrapping the process will result in additional work for the agencies, which face later deadlines for a host of additional substances.

Shultz said she did not know whether federal agencies would meet the year-end deadline for evaluating the first three pesticides. She said FWS next step is to send the draft final BiOps to EPA after Trump administration officials in the Interior Department and its Solicitor's Office complete their review.

Shultz also said she is not aware of any Trump administration response to the industry request to scrap the so-called interim approaches, and that FWS continues to improve the process both internally and through meetings with EPA, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

“We are continuing to improve and refine the process,” she said, noting that federal officials have improved maps of species ranges to better focus on the species that are likely to be affected by pesticide use. “The four agencies do continue to meet periodically and share information and discuss lessons learned” and areas for improvement.

Shultz' assurance that federal officials are seeking to advance reviews of the first pesticides to undergo the new federal review process comes as some environmentalists are raising alarms that the Trump administration will heed Dow's request to scrap the process.

EPA recently sidestepped state pesticide regulators' request for an update on the reviews.

A source with the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), which won legal deadlines for federal agencies to complete the ESA reviews, says EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, along with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, who lead federal wildlife agencies, appear willing to heed pesticide producers' call to scrap the Obama-era process.

But a second environmentalist, who has negotiated with industry in an effort to revise the new process, says that federal officials face a significant workload in completing the novel reviews. Although the source called it concerning that federal agencies have not released draft final BiOps for public comment, the source says work is advancing.

Section 7 Review

ESA Section 7 requires that EPA consult with FWS and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service, collectively known as the services, on pesticides' potential risks to listed species. After an EPA biological evaluation, the services craft a BiOp of the product's potential for jeopardizing listed species and lay out reasonable and prudent alternatives that EPA must implement to protect the species.

But EPA and the services have long failed to conduct the required consultations on pesticides' risks to listed species, resulting in numerous environmentalist lawsuits that have set legal deadlines for the agencies to consult on risks of certain commonly-used pesticides.

In November 2013, EPA and federal wildlife officials rolled out the "interim approaches" process based on National Academy of Sciences advice for complying with the ESA in Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act registrations. Since then, EPA officials have acknowledged that the current process is overly conservative but said they are working to improve it and make it more efficient. Nevertheless, on Jan. 18, days before Trump's inauguration, the Obama EPA forwarded the first biological evaluations to the services, in support of final BiOps due out by December 2017.

During a Sept. 18-19 meeting of the State FIFRA Issues Research and Evaluation Group in Washington, DC, EPA officials sidestepped a request from state pesticide regulators for a status update on reviews of the first three pesticides to undergo the new federal process, saying the agency would provide a response in the future. Uncertainty over the status of inter-agency consultation on the first three chemicals comes after Dow and two other registrants in an April 13 letters, urged top officials at EPA and federal wildlife agencies to scrap the Obama administration ESA pesticide assessment process, charging the interim approaches are "fundamentally flawed and should be set aside."

The companies urged the Trump administration to halt the first three reviews under the new process, and adopt a new approach, though former Obama-era EPA toxics chief Jim Jones has publicly doubted that the Trump administration will be able to adopt "sustainable" long-term changes to the framework.

The CBD source says that should the Trump administration heed the industry call to scrap the new process and miss the court-ordered deadline for the first three reviews it would only create more work for federal agencies.

"I don't understand what they think they're endgame is. They're just digging themselves into a deeper hole," the source says, noting that federal agencies face deadlines for completing similar future reviews of numerous pesticides, including methomyl, carbarly, and glyphosate.

"If they had just moved forward with consultation, they would have far more clarity" on what steps are needed to protect species from various pesticides and to complete the required for reviews, the source adds.

Should EPA miss the deadline for the first reviews, the source says, the Trump administration would have to show the court that agencies either lacked the resources or expertise to complete the consultations, a high hurdle given progress agencies made under the Obama administration in developing the process and conducting the reviews.

The second environmentalist, who has negotiated with industry in hopes of preserving the Obama-era process, says despite the tight window for seeking public input on the first draft BiOps and issuing the final versions by year-end, federal agencies are continuing the effort.

The source said federal officials face a significant workload, noting that EPA's first draft biological evaluations completed under the new process found the first pesticides are likely to adversely affect an overwhelming majority of listed species and critical habitat, requiring federal wildlife officials to weigh risks to numerous species.

"I think these BiOps are still going to move forward," the second environmentalist source said. "My understanding is it's a lot of work." -- *Dave*

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Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Recap today's announcement.
Received: 2017-10-13T18:54:13-04:00

What a great report! Well done.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 13, 2017, at 6:05 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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> The first wave of press has been very favorable. NY Times, AP, LA

> Times all have filed stories worth putting on the fridge. Expecting

> the gateway papers to issue editorials over the coming week too.

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> The live streamed town hall meeting had more than 950 people log on

> from parks across the country. I would imagine in many cases more than

> one person was watching per computer. That's incredible and

> unprecedented reach for NPS web meetings. Their communications office

> told me they usually get about 300 for NPS-wide webinars.

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> The feedback I received from NPS employees at all levels at Grand

> Canyon has been overwhelmingly positive. People are thankful he is

> aggressive and forward leaning. Many people used the term progressive.

> Many women thanked him for coming to Grand Canyon to make the

> announcement.

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> Lastly, the overwhelming majority of the questions were pointed and on

> topic. I was screening them as I handed them to the superintendent to

> read aloud. People were most concerned about retaliation, bullying,

> and knowing the right person to report to.

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> After we exhausted all on topic questions i allowed questions about

> supporting the front lines, empowering local leadership, and

> philosophy/leadership style.

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> All in, from the press secretary's perspective I would say this was a

> very very good day on offense. We could not have done it without the

> NPS team and strong policy from Dep Sec and Sol.

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> Heather Swift

> Press Secretary

> Department of the Interior



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July 19, 2019

Via email: csaeger@westernvaluesproject.com

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Re: Western Values Project v. U.S. Dep't of the Interior, No. 18-2336 (D.D.C.),
concerning FOIA requests tracked as 17-00285, 17-01064, 17-01234, 18-00010, 18-00127, 18-00183, 18-00760, 18-00967, 18-00968, 18-01331, 18-01368, 18-01400

Dear Mr. Saeger:

On October 16, 2017, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

[A]ccess to and copies of all e-mails sent by or sent to Ms. Heather Swift from (and including) September 25, 2017 – October 15, 2017. This should include the entire contents of Ms. Swift's e-mail inbox and e-mail outbox during this time-period and should include e-mails in which Ms. Swift was merely carbon copied ("CC").

On November 17, 2017, we acknowledged your request and advised you of your fee status under the FOIA. We are writing today to respond to your request on behalf of the Office of the Secretary. We are releasing one file consisting of 494 pages. Of those 494 pages, there are 22 documents released in part with redactions as described below. Additional releases will be forthcoming as we process additional records.

Portions of the documents may be redacted pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)) because they fit certain categories of information:

Personal Information

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” The courts have held that the phrase “similar files” involves all information that applies to a particular person. Hertzberg v. Veneman, 273 F. Supp. 2d 67, 85 n.11 (D.D.C. 2003).

To determine whether releasing requested information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to perform a “balancing test.” This means that we must weigh the individual’s right to privacy against the public’s right to disclosure.

- (1) First, we must determine whether the individual has a discernable privacy interest in the information that has been requested.
- (2) Next, we must determine whether release of this information would serve “the public interest generally” (i.e., would “shed light on the performance of the agency's statutory duties”).
- (3) Finally, we must determine whether the public interest in disclosure is greater than the privacy interest of the individual in withholding.

The information that we are withholding consists of personal information, and we have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in it. Additionally, we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency’s statutory duties and that, on balance, the public interest to be served by its disclosure does not outweigh the privacy interest of the individuals in question, in withholding it. Nat’l Ass’n of Retired Fed. Employees v. Horner, 879 F.2d 873, 879 (D.C. Cir. 1989).

In summation, we have determined that release of the information that we have withheld would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals, and that it therefore may be withheld, pursuant to Exemption 6.

Jennifer Heindl, Attorney-Advisor, in the Office of the Solicitor, was consulted in reaching this decision. Clarice Julka, Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer, is responsible for making this decision.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

If you have any questions regarding any of the issues discussed in this letter, you may contact Ryan McQuighan by phone at 202-513-0765, by fax at 202-219-2374, by e-mail at os_foia@ios.doi.gov, or by mail at U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C St, NW, MS-7328 MIB, Washington, D.C. 20240. You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public Liaison, Clarice Julka, at the phone and address above.

Sincerely,

Clarice Julka
Office of the Secretary
FOIA Officer

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Subject: Morning Energy, presented by the U.S. Chamber's Global Energy Institute: Zinke took non-commercial flights too — Pruitt doesn't plan to pay back his non-commercial flights — How U.S.-Mexico got to yes on water deal
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By Anthony Adragna | 09/29/2017 05:41 AM EDT

With help from Esther Whieldon

ZINKE JOINS FLIGHT CLUB: Turns out Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has also used military and charter airplanes while in office, including a charter plane he took to events in his hometown in Montana and private flights between two Caribbean islands, Pro's Ben Lefebvre [reports](#), citing documents and a department spokeswoman. That makes him at least the fourth member of President Donald Trump's Cabinet to bill the costs of non-commercial flights to U.S. taxpayers while in office. Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift said the agency selected those options because they couldn't find commercial flights that would work with Zinke's schedule and that ethics officials had given them the all-clear.

Among the most notable trips is a June 26 charter flight Zinke and several staffers took from Las Vegas to an airport about 20 minutes from his residence in Whitefish, Mont., at a cost of \$12,375. Commercial flights between Vegas and Glacier Park International Airport in Kalispell, Mont., are available for several hundred dollars, according to travel planning websites. During his time in Vegas, Zinke gave a motivational speech at an event for the city's new NHL team hosted by Bill Foley, chairman of Fidelity National Financial, a company whose employees were among Zinke's largest donors during his two congressional campaigns, according to [The Washington Post](#), which also reports the plane Zinke flew on was owned by oil and gas executives.

Zinke and staff also took two chartered flights on March 31 from St. Croix to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands to attend the centennial of the Danish government turning the islands over to the United States. No other arrangements were available, according to Swift, though websites show commercial flights between the two islands generally run a few hundred dollars.

As for your next question: Swift said she had not spoken to Zinke about whether he would reimburse the government for the cost of the flights, as HHS Secretary Tom Price [said he would](#) late Thursday. But Zinke will be at the Heritage Foundation today for what's billed as "a major policy address" entitled "A Vision for American Energy Dominance" and slated to take questions. More information [here](#).

CAN YOU PUT A PRICE ON PRUITT'S NON-COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS? Amid growing criticism from members of both parties on Capitol Hill, EPA said late Thursday that Administrator Scott Pruitt wouldn't pay out of pocket for the \$58,000 worth of non-commercial flights he and his staff have taken on four occasions, Pro's Emily Holden [reports](#). "If a

reimbursement was necessary, we would have been told during the approval process and acted accordingly," agency spokeswoman Liz Bowman said. EPA's general counsel provided [ethics approvals](#) for at least three of the four trips.

Concern from some Republicans: [Lisa Murkowski](#) expressed openness to adding language to a spending bill that would prevent Pruitt from taking private flights but hoped it wouldn't come to that, your ME host [reports](#). "I don't think it's appropriate," Murkowski said regarding Pruitt's and Price's use of private aircraft. (We spoke to her before the Zinke news broke.) Meanwhile, Sen. [Chuck Grassley](#) asked Trump in a [letter](#) Thursday for information on what steps Cabinet secretaries are taking to ensure the "most fiscally responsible travel."

But not everyone was so concerned. EPW Chairman [John Barrasso](#) wanted more information before he could judge appropriateness of Pruitt's flights and would only commit to having him testify "this year." Barrasso and Majority Whip [John Cornyn](#) were among the Republicans who wouldn't answer the broad question of whether Cabinet officials should take private transportation. And others like Sen. [Jim Inhofe](#) defended the flights. "If there is a problem with it, then there would be a rule against it and there isn't one," Inhofe, a friend of Pruitt's, said. "That's why he checked first to make sure there wouldn't be a problem."

Meanwhile, Sen. Tom Udall, top Democrat on the Appropriations subpanel responsible for EPA spending, asked Pruitt in a [letter](#) for details on his flying habits and further information on his "privacy booth" that cost taxpayers \$25,000. "I do think we can both agree that a fundamental part of any federal agency's 'core mission' must be the proper and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars," he wrote. And three House Democrats introduced a [bill](#) — the SWAMP FLYERS Act (points for creativity) — barring the U.S. of taxpayer funds on non-commercial travel.

WE MADE IT TO FRIDAY! I'm your host Anthony Adragna, and Growth Energy's Chris Bliley was first up to identify Wilt Chamberlain as the NBA Hall-of-Famer who endorsed Richard Nixon in 1968. For today: Which congressman worked as speechwriter for President Ronald Reagan for seven years? Send your tips, energy gossip and comments to aadragna@politico.com, or follow us on Twitter [@AnthonyAdragna](#), [@Morning_Energy](#) and [@POLITICOPro](#).

PUERTO RICO STILL REELING: More than a week after Hurricane Maria stuck, most of Puerto Rico remains without electricity, phone services and potable water as fuel shortages persist and supplies remain trapped at the port. Trump's Homeland Security Adviser Tom Bossert said the administration was providing "as much federal relief into Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands as we can muster," but the government sent a three-star general, Lt. Gen. Jeff Buchanan to help coordinate the response.

More aid sought now: House Democrats are banging the drums for another relief package now, according to Pro's [Budget & Appropriations Brief](#). "This has to happen soon, not weeks from now, not in late October," [Nydia Velazquez](#) said at a press conference. "We need to see action as early as next week." But Speaker [Paul Ryan](#) said those aggressive timelines aren't what first-responders on the ground actually need and vowed to act on a disaster request once received from the White House. Meanwhile, 19 House Democrats [asked](#) the Natural Resources

Committee to hold an oversight hearing on the government's response.

Three tweets from POTUS: "FEMA & First Responders are doing a GREAT job in Puerto Rico. Massive food & water delivered. Docks & electric grid dead. Locals trying.....really hard to help but many have lost their homes. Military is now on site and I will be there Tuesday. Wish press would treat fairly!...Puerto Rico is devastated. Phone system, electric grid many roads, gone. FEMA and First Responders are amazing. Governor said "great job!"

THEY MADE A DEAL! U.S. and Mexican negotiators overcame tensions between the two nations because of Trump's immigration and trade stances to address issues caused by shrinking supplies from the Colorado River, Pro's Esther Whieldon [reports](#). "Water is the lifeblood of this region," Jennifer Pitt, Colorado River Project director for the National Audubon Society, said. "It's just too important for the two countries not to have good relations over (it) and not have a plan in place about how to manage supplies reliably for that enormous population." Failing to reach a deal risked years of litigation in a crisis that would force choices between cutting off water supplies to either farms and sensitive wildlife habitats or to major population centers.

COMPANIES TWEAK SOUGHT SOLAR RELIEF: Suniva and SolarWorld USA submitted a joint brief to the International Trade Commission recommending different remedies to imported solar equipment but said that either option could be selected, Pro's Eric Wolff [reports](#). Suniva recommends a price floor for all solar modules that starts at 74 cents per watt and declines over the four years of the tariff, as well as tariffs for both modules and the solar cells. SolarWorld said it was seeking a quota of 220 MW on imported cells and 5,700 MW on imported modules. Trump has the final call on what to select.

Group: Use caution: The Advanced Energy Buyers Group released a [letter](#) Thursday asking the ITC not to set "excessive remedies" on imported solar products as it considers a response to the initial ruling last week that imports harmed U.S. manufacturers of solar panels. "We recommend a balanced approach with respect to remedies that avoids unduly increasing the cost of solar energy," they wrote. "This case has already had a damaging effect on solar projects, raising costs as solar providers prepare for shortages."

FAMED WOTUS JUDGE GETS A PROMOTION: The Senate confirmed Judge Ralph Erickson, 95-1, Thursday to a seat on 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Massachusetts Sen. [Elizabeth Warren](#) was the lone vote against. Among energy watchers, Erickson gained national attention when he issued a nationwide stay on the Obama-era Waters of the U.S. regulation back in 2015.

A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS: Zinke's loaded up his advisory board on staffing and personnel issues with just political appointees, including several former industry lobbyists, Pro's Ben Lefebvre [reports](#). The move contradicts federal guidelines that recommend giving career employees an equal voice in such discussions with the Executive Resources Board.

EPA CONFIRMS DAMAGE TO HOUSTON-AREA SUPERFUND SITE: After confirming the protective cap on the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund site sustained damage during Superfund Harvey, EPA directed International Paper and Industrial Maintenance Corporation, the potentially responsible parties at the site, to take "immediate action" to repair the damage.

Sampling from one of the areas showed dioxins present at 70,000 nanograms per kilogram, far above the recommended clean up levels of 30 ng/kg.

EPW DEMOCRATS WANT SUPERFUND ANSWERS: All the EPW Democrats sent [a letter](#) to Pruitt Thursday asking him to affirm his agency would continue to reimburse Superfund litigation costs assumed by the DOJ Environment and Natural Resources Division, after the New York Times [reported](#) those payments may be on the chopping block. "If these cuts are adopted, neither EPA nor State regulators will be able to adequately fund site clean-ups or enforce clean-up agreements, and DOJ will be unable to prosecute polluters in order to compel clean-ups to be paid for by those who caused the contamination in the first place," they wrote.

FLOOD INSURANCE-LESS FAA BILL CLEARS CONGRESS: Senators stripped out controversial private flood insurance language and the House then approved a stopgap FAA measure [H.R. 3823 \(115\)](#) on Thursday, Pro Transportation's Lauren Gardner [reports](#). A bipartisan group of senators objected to language in the original package encouraging private insurance companies to enter the flood arena. "We can't have a situation happen where people can't sell or buy property because you can't get a mortgage unless you get flood insurance, and you can't get flood insurance because there's none available that's cost-effective," Sen. [Marco Rubio](#) said.

**** A message from the U.S. Chamber's Global Energy Institute:** Coming soon, our team of policy experts will be providing timely reactions and analysis of energy news as it happens at *Fuel for Thought*, the Global Energy Institute's new blogging hub. Sign up now to receive these updates in your inbox: <http://bit.ly/2yJpM29> **

MAIL CALL! BISHOP SEEKS REVIEW OF MINERAL WITHDRAWALS: House Natural Resources Chairman [Rob Bishop](#) sent [a letter](#) to Zinke and USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue asking for them to review mineral withdrawals done over the past eight years of the Obama administration. "Millions of acres of federal lands were inappropriately withdrawn from mineral access due to false premises of environmental protectionism and the intentional misuse of statutory authority," he wrote.

PELOSI CRITICIZES TIMING OF BILL WITH GUN MEASURE: House Minority Leader [Nancy Pelosi](#) criticized the House GOP for pushing a sportsmen's package with a provision that relaxes rules on purchasing gun silencers — expected to come up for a vote shortly — so soon after welcoming back House Majority Whip [Steve Scalise](#), POLITICO's Heather Caygle [reports](#). "This is not a sportsmen's package. This is an NRA wish list," a spokesman for Pelosi said. No date for a vote has yet been announced.

PERRY'S IN OHIO: He had to cancel a planned July trip to DOE's Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion plant due to a Cabinet meeting, but Energy Secretary Rick Perry will be in Piketon, Ohio today to tour the Cold War nuclear site that has been undergoing decommissioning since 2011. Joining Perry are Ohio Sens. [Rob Portman](#) and [Sherrod Brown](#) as well as Reps. [Bill Johnson](#) and [Brad Wenstrup](#).

The secretary tweeted out a bunch of pictures from his Thursday visit to a Pennsylvania coal mine (sample [here](#)), as well a shot of him enjoying a local delicacy, "[cold pizza](#)."

NO FLY ZONE: The FAA and Interior announced Thursday they had restricted the operation of drones within 400 feet of the boundaries of ten Interior sites, including the Folsom, Glen Canyon, Grand Coulee, Hoover and Shasta dams. The restrictions, which also include the Statue of Liberty and Mount Rushmore, take effect Oct. 5. More information [here](#).

N.Y. POL PICKED FOR EPA REGION 2: Pruitt announced Thursday his selection of New York assemblyman Pete Lopez to run EPA's Region 2 office, which covers New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands, Pro's Alex Guillén [reports](#). Lopez, a Republican, has been in the state assembly since 2007 and currently represents a district southwest of Albany.

PAGING LOLA ZINKE! Troy Downing, a Big Sky businessman challenging incumbent Montana Sen. Jon Tester in 2018, faces seven misdemeanor charges accusing him of trying to buy Montana resident hunting or fishing licenses as an out-of-state resident, the Bozeman Daily Chronicle [reports](#). Lola Zinke, wife of the Interior secretary, chairs his campaign.

PEER BLASTS ZINKE'S STAFF LOYALTY COMMENTS: Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility is slated today to send a letter to its subscribers blasting Zinke for earlier this week questioning the loyalty of staff and not following through on his promise to give the front-line staff more say over decisions. "Public employees work for the public, not for politicians," PEER will say. The very idea of a civil service "was to replace a spoils system where employment was based on political allegiance."

NOT MINCING WORDS: Former FWS biologist Felix Smith, who in the 1980s [blew the whistle](#) on the mass poisoning of migratory birds in California's Kesterson National Wildlife Refuge, sent an angry email to Zinke Wednesday blaming him for any pushback he is getting from staff. "You and President Trump have chilled or killed the moral of a large portion of the rank and file of DOI. I hope they hunker down until this experiment with democracy passes," Smith said in an email obtained by ME.

TAKE A GLANCE! The Institute for Policy Integrity New York University School of Law is out with [a report](#) Thursday arguing the Trump administration's cost-benefit analysis for its Waters of the U.S. rule repeal selectively ignores data on the benefits of the rule based on the age of supporting research studies. It says similar tactics likely appear throughout various regulatory proposals.

BIG BENEFITS FROM REDUCING AIR POLLUTION: Reductions in nitrogen oxides and ozone pollution saved \$800 million a year in reduced medication use and benefits of \$1.3 billion a year in 1,975 fewer deaths each summer, according to a [new report](#) from the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago

QUICK HITS

- Global carbon emissions stood still in 2016, offering climate hope. [The Guardian](#).
- China Sets Tough Electric-Car Production Target. [Wall Street Journal](#).
- Majority of Americans now say climate change makes hurricanes more intense. [Washington Post](#).

- Standing Rock tribal head who led Dakota Access pipeline fight voted out. [Argus Leader](#).
- Spicer Says Rolling Back Regulations Helping Economy. [The Allegheny Front](#).
- Fighting the Toxic Nightmare Next Door. [Bloomberg Businessweek](#).

HAPPENING TODAY

9:00 a.m. — "[Global Hotspots and Security Challenges: A Conversation with Senator Joni Ernst](#)," Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue NW

11:30 a.m. — Secretary Ryan Zinke delivers remarks and takes questions at the Heritage Foundation, 214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE

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**** A message from the U.S. Chamber's Global Energy Institute:** For the last decade, we've been at the forefront of energy discussions in Washington and around the nation. Now, as the Global Energy Institute, we're ready for an even larger role, reflecting America's growing influence as an energy superpower. Without our vast grassroots network, we're positioned to help lead the charge for common sense energy solutions that will grow our economy and improve our security. Visit our website to learn more. www.globalenergyinstitute.org **

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Interior Secretary Zinke traveled on charter, military planes [Back](#)

By Ben Lefebvre | 09/28/2017 07:54 PM EDT

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and his aides have taken several flights on private or military aircraft, including a \$12,000 charter plane to take him to events in his hometown in Montana and private flights between two Caribbean islands, according to documents and a department spokeswoman.

Zinke is at least the fourth senior member of the Trump administration to have used non-commercial planes at taxpayer expense, along with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and HHS Secretary Tom Price. President Donald Trump has [fumed](#) at Price's pricey travel, and Democrats say the revelations demonstrate a cavalier attitude by Cabinet members toward excessive spending.

Interior Department spokeswoman Heather Swift said Zinke's charter or military plane trips were booked only after officials were unable to find commercial flights that would accommodate Zinke's schedule, and that all were "pre-cleared by career officials in the ethics office." Swift said she had not spoken to Zinke about whether he would reimburse the government for the cost of the flights, as [Price plans to do](#) for some of the \$400,000 tab he racked up on charter flights.

On June 26, a Beechcraft King Air 200 carried Zinke and several staffers from Las Vegas to Glacier Park International Airport in Kalispell, Mont., about a 20-minute drive from Zinke's home in Whitefish, according to his [official schedule](#). The flight cost \$12,375, Swift said.

Zinke left after speaking at an event for the city's new professional hockey team, the "Vegas Golden Knights Development Camp Dinner," according to his schedule. Earlier in the day, he had been in Pahrump, Nev., for an announcement related to public lands.

Zinke's flight left Las Vegas at 8:30 p.m. PST and landed around 1:30 a.m. MST in Kalispell. The secretary stayed overnight at his residence, Interior documents show.

Las Vegas is one of the main [connecting](#) airports for commercial flights to Glacier International. Commercial flights between the two cities are available for several hundred dollars a ticket, according to travel planning websites.

In Whitefish, Zinke attended the Western Governors' Association's annual meeting, where he spoke for about 20 minutes without taking questions. He then had a private lunch with association members. In the afternoon Zinke was the subject of a photo shoot with GQ magazine at Lake McDonald and fished while being interviewed by Outside Magazine, the records show.

Zinke and staffers flew commercial back to Washington, D.C., the next day, according to the records.

The trip was not the first in which Interior booked a private jet for Zinke. [On March 31](#), Interior chartered two flights to take Zinke and staff from St. Croix to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands to attend the centennial of the Danish government turning the islands over to the United States. Another two flights were chartered to return to St. Croix later that night.

Swift said she did not know how much the flights cost but that no other arrangements were available.

Commercial flights between the two islands generally run a few hundred dollars, according to travel booking websites.

In May, Zinke and his wife, Lolita, used a military aircraft to travel to Norway. From there, they flew on a military plane to Alaska for events organized by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The trip included charter planes to travel within Alaska, a common occurrence in the large, remote state. The Zinkes paid for Lolita's share of the trip, the full cost of which was not immediately available, Swift said.

Zinke also took a military helicopter from Fort Bliss to review the Organ Mountains monument in New Mexico in June, and he used a Bureau of Land Management helicopter to review the Basin and Range National Monument on July 30. "It is difficult to survey a half-million-acre piece of land with few roads by foot or car in an hour and a half," Swift said.

Along with Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, Zinke took a military plane to Ravalli County, Mont., to check on wildfires in the area in August. "The military plane was used because of a very tight travel window, with no viable commercial airline options to transport two secretaries,

security details, and associated USDA, Forest Service and Interior staff to Missoula in the time required," said USDA spokesman Tim Murtaugh. The cost of the flight was not immediately available, but the two agencies plan to reimburse the Air Force, Murtaugh said.

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Price says he'll repay taxpayers for his private jet travel [Back](#)

By Rachana Pradhan | 09/28/2017 04:23 PM EDT

Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price said he will write a personal check to the federal government for his costs of traveling on private jets and will permanently halt his use of charter flights.

"The taxpayers won't pay a dime for my seat on those planes," Price said in a statement Thursday afternoon.

The announcement follows a POLITICO investigation that found Price has taken at least 26 charter flights costing taxpayers more than \$400,000 since May to conduct official business within the country. Price's travel, which was first reported over a week ago, has increasingly come under fire from President Donald Trump and former colleagues in Congress.

HHS confirmed to several media outlets that Price will write a check to the U.S. Treasury worth \$51,887.31 — just a fraction of the total travel costs. The department did not confirm those details to POLITICO, which broke the story of his chartered flights. HHS did not address the costs of the staff and security officials who accompanied Price on those flights.

Price, whose use of private jets is being investigated by the HHS inspector general and Congress, said he will no longer charter flights for official business. "No exceptions," he said.

President Donald Trump on Wednesday wouldn't commit to keeping Price in his administration, saying only "we'll see" when asked whether Price would be fired. Trump has privately fumed over Price's use of expensive charter jets, and some aides have [called for firing](#) Price. Hours before Price's announcement, the White House on Thursday said it had ordered HHS to halt all private flights.

"As the president said yesterday, he's not thrilled — certainly not happy with the actions," White House press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said.

Many of Price's flights were between major cities that offered inexpensive alternatives on commercial airlines, including Nashville, Philadelphia and San Diego. On some of those trips, Price mixed official business with personal affairs.

Price's statement came after increasing scrutiny from the Hill. The House Oversight Committee on Wednesday launched a bipartisan investigation into the use of private planes by all Cabinet secretaries. Sen. Chuck Grassley on Thursday sent a letter asking the White House to rein in

officials' travel costs.

Price's decision to reimburse just the costs of just his airfare is unlikely to satisfy Democratic lawmakers, who've ripped him for lavishly spending taxpayer dollars while advocating for major cuts to health insurance programs covering low-income Americans.

"Until @SecPriceMD has paid back the full amount of his private jet flights he is still ripping off taxpayers," tweeted Sen. Ron Wyden, the top Democrat on the Finance Committee.

Price, who appeared at a White House event on opioid abuse with First Lady Melania Trump on Thursday, gave no indication that he planned to step down amid the outcry over his private travel. Earlier in the day, Price told reporters he believed the president still supported him, but he later refused to say whether he was worried about losing his job.

"I work at the pleasure of the president," Price said on Fox News, adding that he hopes to "regain the trust" of the American people and those working in the administration. Price said he's complying with the inspector general's review and contended that all his trips passed legal review.

Other Cabinet officials' travel has also come under recent scrutiny. Department auditors are reviewing private and military flights taken Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt

Price, who represented Georgia for more than a decade in the House, has a longstanding reputation as a fiscal hawk and a staunch opponent of Obamacare. As a former chair of the House Budget Committee, he proposed federal spending plans that would have repealed the 2010 health law and culled hundreds of billions from health care entitlement programs. During his time as secretary, Price backed the White House's proposal to cut \$6 billion from the National Institutes of Health and slash overall HHS spending by 18 percent. Congress has opposed those cuts.

On Thursday, Price said he regretted the concerns that his travel practices has raised.

"All of my political career I've fought for the taxpayers," Price said. "It is clear to me that in this case, I was not sensitive enough to my concern for the taxpayer."

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Pruitt won't cover costs for private flights [Back](#)

By Emily Holden | 09/28/2017 06:48 PM EDT

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt doesn't plan to pay out of pocket for the \$58,000 worth of non-commercial flights he and his staff have taken on four occasions, according to an agency spokeswoman.

Pruitt has taken three private government flights and one chartered plane. EPA has said those flights represented the only travel options for reaching scheduled events in time, including taking an Air Force plane to New York at a cost of \$36,068.50 to travel to events ahead of an international energy ministers' meeting in Italy. The agency received [ethics approvals](#) from EPA's acting general counsel for three of the four trips.

"If a reimbursement was necessary, we would have been told during the approval process and acted accordingly," agency spokeswoman Liz Bowman said.

HHS Secretary Tom Price today said he would [write a personal check](#) to the federal government to cover the cost of his seat on private jet flights that cost more than \$400,000 since May.

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Senate Republicans offer mixed reviews on Pruitt's pricey plane trips [Back](#)

By Anthony Adragna | 09/28/2017 05:14 PM EDT

Senate Republicans were split Thursday over whether to condemn, defend or sidestep questions about EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's expensive use of charter and military planes.

[Lisa Murkowski](#), who oversees the Appropriations subpanel responsible for EPA funding, said she was open to adding language to a spending bill that would prevent Pruitt from taking private flights, after reports this week revealed EPA spent more than \$58,000 for charter flights on private or government-owned planes. But the Alaska Republican said she hopes it doesn't come to that.

"I don't think it's appropriate," Murkowski said regarding Pruitt's and HHS Secretary Tom Price's use of private aircraft. "That is clearly something that the executive reins in. You tell your people, 'Look, there's no charter flights.' You set the standard. You set what is acceptable. And I think that should be done."

Pruitt used non-commercial flights during trips to Oklahoma, North Dakota and Colorado, as well as to ensure he made a connecting flight to an energy ministers meeting in Italy. The agency's general counsel signed off on the trips, though their high cost has drawn criticism as the Trump administration seeks to slash the agency's budget by one-third.

But not everyone was ready to criticize the trips.

[Jim Inhofe](#) (R-Okla.), the former Environment and Public Works chairman and a friend of Pruitt, defended the administrator's flights.

"If there is a problem with it, then there would be a rule against it and there isn't one," Inhofe told POLITICO in an interview. "That's why he checked first to make sure there wouldn't be a problem."

Current EPW Chairman [John Barrasso](#) (R-Wyo.) said he was "going to wait and see what comes out" before weighing in on the appropriateness of Pruitt's flights. He did not commit to holding a hearing on the issue, saying only that Pruitt would testify before the committee sometime this year.

Asked if it was generally appropriate for Cabinet officials to take private aircraft, or if he would have similarly held off criticism if it were an Obama administration official involved, Barrasso said, "I want to see what the information is." He added, "With Cabinet members, sometimes it's the only way to get from place to place."

Other Republicans declined to answer the broad question of whether Cabinet officials should take private transportation or said they were unaware of the details of Price and Pruitt's travel. "Good to talk with all of you," Majority Whip [John Cornyn](#) (R-Texas) told reporters when asked if Cabinet officials should fly in private jets.

[Chuck Grassley](#) (R-Iowa), meanwhile, said he has more questions about Pruitt's and Price's plane tabs. Grassley sent [a letter](#) to President Donald Trump requesting information on what steps Cabinet secretaries are taking to ensure the "most fiscally responsible travel."

Democrats demanded a full accounting of the trips and wanted to know if Trump officials are getting different treatment than Obama Cabinet members.

"I wonder why Scott Pruitt is different from [former EPA Administrator] Gina McCarthy in terms of his needs," [Brian Schatz](#) (D-Hawaii) said. "Whatever they need [in terms of security], I think we ought to give it to them, but they shouldn't get anything more than they need."

[Tom Carper](#) (D-Del.), top Democrat on EPW, called for Pruitt to testify in the near future.

"This is one of those situations where the best disinfectant is sunshine," Carper said.

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House Democrats want White House briefing on Puerto Rico [Back](#)

By Heather Caygle | 09/28/2017 02:02 PM EDT

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U.S., Mexico set aside Trump tensions for Colorado River deal [Back](#)

By Esther Whieldon | 09/29/2017 05:02 AM EDT

The water-sharing pact signed this week by the U.S. and Mexico emerged despite tensions caused by President Donald Trump's policies on immigration and trade, showing the negotiators' willingness to take on problems caused by shrinking supplies from the Colorado River, according to western water experts.

That deal signed Wednesday was supported by state water agencies and major users in both countries, and sets out procedures to reduce off-take during times of drought that are expected to persist for the foreseeable future.

"Water is the lifeblood of this region," Jennifer Pitt, Colorado River Project director for the National Audubon Society, said in an interview. "It is fundamentally important to the economies of southwestern U.S. and northwestern Mexico. ... It's just too important for the two countries not to have good relations over [it] and not have a plan in place about how to manage supplies reliably for that enormous population."

Representatives from the International Boundary and Water Commission of the United States and Mexico signed the pact, called [Minute 323](#), that largely carries forward for another nine years a prior agreement that was due to expire this year. Water levels at the Colorado River's most important reservoir, Lake Mead, have been plummeting, and both the U.S. and Mexico could have faced the threat of mandatory supply cuts starting as early as next year.

The river supplies drinking water to tens of millions of people in both countries and irrigation for millions of acres of agriculture, both of which would suffer unless the countries reached a deal.

Federal officials failed to sign a deal before the end of the Obama administration, [raising fears](#) that Trump's calls to build a wall along the Mexican border and the reopening of NAFTA would undo years of progress in the negotiations. But the officials, supported by state water agencies and Mexico water license holders, knew they had to reach a deal or risk years of litigation in a crisis that would force them to choose between cutting off water supplies to farms and sensitive wildlife habitats or to major population centers.

"In a crisis, you would have winners and losers, and some of the biggest losers would be agriculture and the environment," said Ted Kowalski, director of the Colorado River initiative at the Walton Family Foundation. "I think it's highly unlikely the Bureau of Reclamation is going to turn off the city of Las Vegas or the city of Phoenix."

So the officials continued plodding away at negotiations, hoping the Trump administration would in the end agree to a deal.

The water agency officials were "largely insulated from the political conversation between Washington, D.C., and Mexico," said Chuck Cullom, Colorado River programs manager for the Central Arizona Project. The water managers "focused on providing the greatest benefits for the country and the communities ... rather than the political winds that might be blowing in a number of directions," he said in an interview.

The basin states made reaching a deal a top priority this year, according to Pitt.

"There's a long-standing balance of power between the states and the federal government on the Colorado River where the federal government tries to as much as possible defer to the states, who are really the owners of the water. So as the states made it clear to the incoming administration this was a priority, the administration said, 'We will support you on this,'" she said.

A key sticking point in the negotiations had been Mexico's insistence that the lower basin states of California, Arizona and Nevada first agree to a drought contingency plan under which they would voluntarily conserve additional water beyond mandatory cuts in order to increase reservoir levels.

Mexico officials were worried they would be left holding the bag if a water crisis occurred before the states reached a deal. But Mexico eventually agreed to make additional cuts once the states pass a contingency plan.

Mexico is very dependent on the upstream dams in the U.S. for its water delivery, since a 2010 earthquake damaged its dams. But Mexico also took the position that the original 1944 treaty between the countries only required it to cut supplies if the U.S. suffered extreme drought, a vague term that left too much open to interpretation.

"That was a big concession for Mexico to follow our lead," said Tom Buschatzke, director of the Arizona Department of Water Resources. But the U.S. also agreed to fund \$31.5 million in water efficiency projects in Mexico through 2026 and to explore the possibility of investing in a desalinization plant that could help address future water supply challenges.

What made the deal possible is "the hard work that long preceded Trump," said Stephen Mumme, a political science professor at Colorado State University. "This is a classic example of ... a situation where not doing it could be really costly, and the sheer complexity of the number of players and the importance of the U.S. stake in this policy arena really overrode the Trump administration," he said.

"It's a good example in my mind of the limits of rhetorical breast beating and name calling and wall building."

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Suniva, SolarWorld modify remedy proposal in trade case [Back](#)

By Eric Wolff | 09/28/2017 07:20 PM EDT

Suniva and SolarWorld USA are pressing a U.S. trade panel to recommend that President Donald Trump institute either a floor price for imported solar equipment or tariffs plus a quota that caps the amount of solar panels and cells that can enter the country.

The two solar panel manufacturers filed a joint brief to the U.S. International Trade Commission, and each recommended different remedies, though they said that either option could be selected.

Suniva recommends a price floor for all solar modules that starts at 74 cents per watt and declines over the four years of the tariff, as well as tariffs for both modules and the solar cells. SolarWorld said it was seeking a quota of 220 MW on imported cells and 5,700 MW on imported modules.

"Both co-petitioners agree that an effective remedy must include either the co-petitioners' requested tariff plus Suniva's requested module floor price or the co-petitioners' requested tariff plus SolarWorld's requested quota," the companies said in a joint statement.

Briefs were due on Wednesday to the ITC, and the companies publicly released their proposals to today, excluding proprietary company information.

The ITC voted unanimously last week that low-cost imports had harmed the domestic solar manufacturing industry. Under the "safeguard" provisions of the Trade Act, Trump will have the final say in what tariffs to impose.

WHAT'S NEXT: The commission will have a hearing on remedies on Oct. 3.

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Zinke stacks staffing board with political aides, former lobbyists [Back](#)

By Ben Lefebvre | 09/28/2017 03:41 PM EDT

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has assigned only political appointees, including several former industry lobbyists, as members of an advisory board on staffing and personnel issues, a move critics say sidelines members of the government workforce who are supposed to get a seat at the table.

The makeup of the Executive Resources Board contradicts federal guidelines that recommend giving career employees an equal voice in such discussions, and it is fueling criticism Zinke is crowding out independent experts and giving too much voice to the industries his department oversees.

The nine-member board is being led by Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt, a

former [lobbyist](#) whose clients included oil and gas interests; Associate Deputy Secretary James Cason, who worked energy issues for Kelly, Anderson & Associates, Inc.; and White House liaison Lori Mashburn, among other political staff with history of lobbying for the oil and gas industry.

Zinke established the board to "oversee all aspects of the management of executive resources," including senior managers, scientists and policy staff at the department, according to an Aug. 11 [memo](#).

"This is very much of a pattern," said Chris Saeger, executive director of the Western Values Project, which obtained the memo through a Freedom of Information Act request and shared it with POLITICO. "They have made a practice of shuffling career staff, marginalizing them. They're sending a very clear message, that they want to consolidate power with people who are loyal to Zinke and President. "

Interior spokeswoman Heather Swift did not answer questions about why Zinke included only political appointees as members of the ERB. She did point out that two career employees, acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Capital and Diversity Mary Pletcher and Deputy Solicitor for General Law Ed Keable, will serve as advisers to the board.

Zinke came under fire earlier this week when he [questioned](#) the loyalty of many Interior staffers, and he has previously raised eyebrows for [shuffling senior employees](#) into jobs they did not seem suited for, in one instance reassigning a manager overseeing climate change issues to a job collecting oil and gas royalties. Interior's inspector general has launched an investigation into the staff moves.

The secretary's decision does not comport with recommendations from the Office of Personnel Management, which has suggested that such boards consist of a mix of career staff, senior executive staff and political staff.

"It is not advisable to have an ERB that is exclusively or predominantly career executives, nor is it recommended to have an ERB that is exclusively or predominantly political appointees; both perspectives should be well represented to ensure a balanced view, when possible," OPM said in a 2009 [report](#).

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House clears FAA stopgap, avoiding shutdown [Back](#)

By Lauren Gardner | 09/28/2017 04:24 PM EDT

Congress Thursday voted to extend the FAA's tax authority for six months after senators jettisoned private flood insurance language that had threatened the bill's chances, with just days before portions of the FAA's authorities were set to lapse.

After wrangling between the House and Senate over the flood insurance language, Congress

wrapped the measure, H.R. 3823 (115), up two days before the FAA's authority to collect and spend excise taxes was set to expire.

Allowing that authority to lapse would have led to a partial shutdown of the FAA, affecting the agency's airport funding, equipment and research and development functions and leading to the furlough of thousands of employees. (Air traffic control and safety operations would have continued, albeit without pay for the employees.)

The House was forced to act a third time on the measure after a bipartisan group of senators objected to the original package's language encouraging private insurance companies to enter the flood arena.

While some of those members support changes to the National Flood Insurance Program, they've argued that any effort to promote a private market should be considered as part of broader legislation that addresses the existing federal program.

"We can't have a situation happen where people can't sell or buy property because you can't get a mortgage unless you get flood insurance, and you can't get flood insurance because there's none available that's cost-effective," Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) said.

Thursday wasn't the first time this week the House had to take a mulligan on the extension bill.

GOP leaders put the legislation, which also includes tax relief provisions for victims of recent hurricanes and extensions for certain health care programs, on the suspension calendar Monday, meaning they needed two-thirds of lawmakers present to vote in favor of the bill for it to pass. But Democrats revolted, and the vote came up short.

House leaders then tweaked the bill to broaden eligibility for tax breaks to U.S. citizens in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands — addressing a criticism lobbed by Democrats — and prepared it for a quick floor debate where only a simple majority was needed for passage; it succeeded.

But senators who are active on NFIP policy began agitating against the House bill, with Senate Commerce Chairman John Thune conceding Thursday evening that his colleagues would likely change the bill and kick it back to the House.

House leaders had left themselves some breathing room for such a scenario through the way the rule governing debate on their bill was crafted. But it wasn't clear whether the Senate would try to jam the House until Thursday afternoon, when leadership surveyed lawmakers on whether they would object to an FAA extension that dropped the flood insurance language.

While this week's drama over the FAA extension was tied to policy outside the aviation space, House Transportation Chairman Bill Shuster (R-Pa.) is still gunning for a massive overhaul of the FAA's air traffic control operations.

His broader bill, H.R. 2997 (115), which would strip those functions from the agency and put them under the control of a nonprofit corporation, could get a floor vote next month, provided he rounds up enough support.

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Pruitt taps New York lawmaker for EPA Region 2 job [Back](#)

By Alex Guillén | 09/28/2017 11:27 AM EDT

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has picked New York Assembly member Pete Lopez to run EPA's Region 2 office, which covers New York and New Jersey — as well as the hurricane-devastated Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Both territories suffered significant damage to their electric and water systems, with an estimated 42 percent of Puerto Ricans without access to potable water, [according to](#) the FEMA.

Lopez, a Republican, has been in the state assembly since 2007 and currently represents a district southwest of Albany. He ran to replace Rep. [Chris Collins](#) (R-N.Y.) but dropped out of the race early last year.

"His familiarity with the region and his experience working to solve environmental problems in New York will be invaluable in helping EPA serve Americans in the Northeast and the Caribbean," Pruitt said in a statement.

Judith Enck, the Obama administration's previous Region 2 chief, [told the Times Union](#) that Lopez "cares about the environment" and is "is as good as it's going to get in this administration."

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The WP is wildly misleading and omits facts. See info below.

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8:30AMmeeting.

The WP was wrong when said there were multiple political events, there were not. He attended single political event for Senator Daines in Big Sky when he was already scheduled to be in the area and it was no cost to the Department.

The WP piece is false through omission on the Yellowstone aspect by making it sound like the itinerary was light. In fact, the itinerary in Yellowstone was robust. Yellowstone has a serious sexual harassment situation? The Secretary traveled there to meet with the superintendent and the staff about it. The park is also in hot negotiations with tribes on a number of fronts that needed the secretary's time. All of these things were also part of the secretary's trip in addition to meeting the employees he oversees.

On the point of the UNITED STATES Virgin Islands. Again another lie through omission and leading readers to believe he is at a foreign "Caribbean" islands rather than an American territory that is overseen by the Department. That itinerary included several hours of official government events and ceremonies as well as meeting with American military veterans from the territory and a visit to a National Park that is under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Lastly- The politico piece did not accurately describe the Montana portion of the trip. The Secretary's itinerary began with meetings at 8:30 AM then included a keynote speech to the Western Governor's Association (which is led by Montana's Democratic governor), a press conference, a working lunch with governors, and other engagements.

Three Charter Flights

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Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories) Also attending the ceremonies were the Danish Prime Minister and Governor Mapp as well as several other high ranking government officials.

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available for the itinerary of official government events.

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

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Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland with additional stops in Alaska

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The Committee organized and utilized a charter in northern Alaska.

Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

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6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.

The Secretary had events and speaking engagements in the evening in Nevada and in the morning in Montana.

Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary

and necessary staff to the morning Montana events on time. The Secretary's speech ended at 7:45PM and he had a meeting at 8:30 the following morning. The charter landed at 1:30AM. The secretary had multiple events at the Western Governors Association

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 12:52 PM, Conlin, Sheila (NBCUniversal) <Sheila.Conlin@nbcuni.com> wrote:

I am writing to confirm that when Sec. Zinke said this morning –

“Number two - flying late at night - to the great state of Montana - on invitation - ah - invitation to meet the great governor of the great state of Montana - and to speak at the Western Governor's Association - the next morning.”

He was referring to the trip [discussed in today's Washington Post](#) :

In June, Zinke and his staffers took a four-hour flight from Las Vegas to Kalispell, Mont., aboard a private plane owned by the executives of a Wyoming oil-and-gas exploration firm, aviation and business records show.

Is that correct?

I am on deadline and would appreciate hearing back as soon as possible.

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Hi Heather,
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From: heather_swift@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: travel, Heritage

Will you take on record and
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Dang it's cold in here! 🧣

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wrote:

I have his statement just now, of
course, but do you have the full
details -- dates, costs -- of these
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On background

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Oh that is definitely not happening. Still waiting on the itineraries.

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On the Downing stuff? It would have an impact if she's using executive office vehicles to campaign as part of a Senate race, I believe.

From: Heather Swift [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
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I'm trying to understand the angle on since she became a volunteer chair and it's impact on the Secretary.

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 10:11 AM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

No accusations - just fact finding. Basically trying to see if any of the secretaries have been misusing taxpayer funds. We're asking all the Secretarial offices these sorts of questions. But we have to be thorough and make sure all the buttons are buttoned, information-wise. I know what my editors will ask so I want have the info to answer them.

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Ok. Thanks for that. And last one (for now), which will probably come out of the earlier question – did Mrs. Zinke travel with the Secretary on official business at any time since she started working as a campaign chairman for Troy Downing? If so, do you know which trips?

Thank you,
Ben

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No she didn't. I'll put a request in for that information

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<blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Thank you. So can you please give me a complete list of trips in which she accompanied the Secretary? If not on the USVI or Nevada flights, does that mean she accompanied him on every other flight?

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Mrs. Zinke has personally footed the bill for any travel she did accompanying her husband. She was not on the USVI or the Nevada flights, helos, or wildfire flight.

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<blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:
Thank you.

Doing a mind-reading of my editors, I guess I should maybe phrase the question this way to save ourselves time: In what official DOI trips, if any, and excluding the CODEL already mentioned, did Mrs. Zinke accompany the Secretary? And if there are other trips where she accompanied him, did she pay her own way, or reimburse DOI for expenses related to her participation? And just for your knowledge, I don't care about her traveling so much. It's more about the money spent.

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Still waiting on the cost from OAS. No, Mrs. Zinke was not on the trip.

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Sent: 2017-09-29T09:16:52-04:00
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Subject: Re: FYI Standing Rock tribal chairman loses in general election
Received: 2017-09-29T09:17:00-04:00

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Sent from my iPhone
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Standing Rock tribal chairman loses in general election

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Standing Rock Sioux tribal chairman Dave Archambault II, whose opposition to the Dakota Access pipeline launched him into the national spotlight, has lost his bid for re-election, according to unofficial results.

Archambault conceded defeat after results showed him winning just 37 percent of the tribe's vote, compared to 63 percent for tribal councilman and former wildlife ranger Mike Faith.

Faith, who also opposes the pipeline, said he believes protests that shut down a main highway — cutting off revenues from the tribal casino — took away attention from other long-standing problems.

"People want to see how we can fix ourselves," he said. "We have to look at not depending on the casino so much. We have to look at enticing companies to come down here."

"We kind of neglected our own" by helping spearhead the protests, he added.

"We did what we had to do, but we didn't realize we were going to hurt our economy that much."

Archambault said in his statement of concession that he looks forward to a smooth transition and hopes the tribe won't lose "the powerful momentum we have at Standing Rock."

"I did the best I could for my tribe, and that's what we must ask of our leaders," he said (Blake Nicholson, [Associated Press](#), Sept. 28). — **DI**

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axpayers absolutely have a right to know how much official government travel costs. It's common sense. At the Department we make those documents available to the public.

Using tax dollars wisely and ethically is a big responsibility and is at the heart of good government. Unfortunately there are some times when Interior has to utilize charter services because we often travel to areas that don't have a lot of flight options.

Standard operating procedure is that the Secretary and staff fly on a commercial, government, coach fare whenever possible.

"The Scheduling Office meets regularly with the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law to ensure that all travel is thoroughly reviewed and approved in advance and that it is fully compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Consistent with this process, the trip was reviewed and approved in advance by both the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law. In short, the trip - including the Secretary's address to the hockey developmental squad - was completely compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations." --Joint Statement from Melinda Loftin (Department of the Interior Designated Agency Ethics Official and Director of the Departmental Ethics Office) and Edward Keable (Deputy Solicitor - General Law). Both are career members of the Senior

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A statement on this would be great. They left out a lot.

On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 8:42 AM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

1. WAPO
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3. All the official on the record stuff

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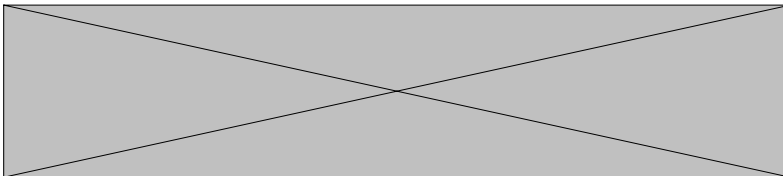
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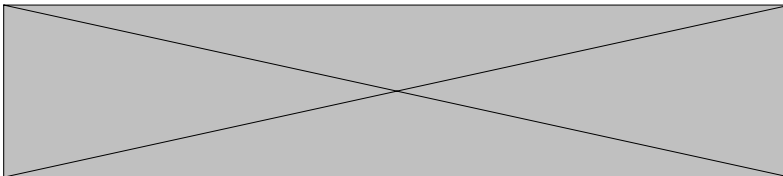
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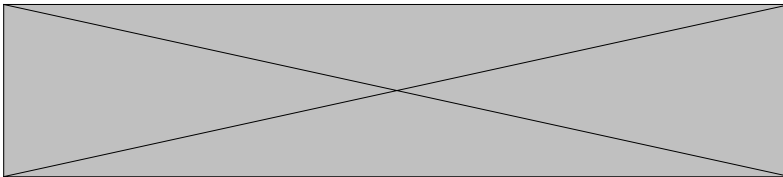
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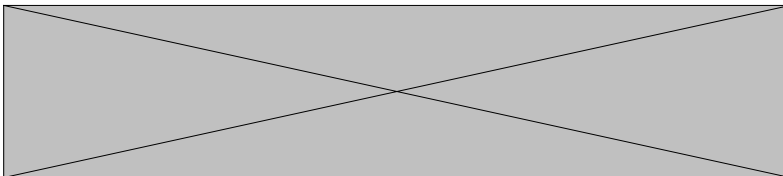
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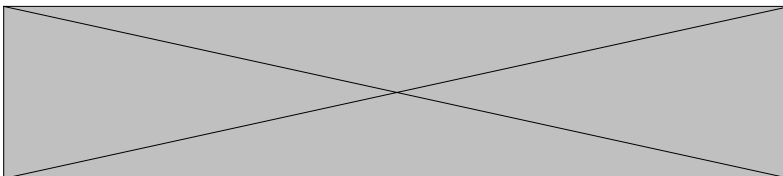
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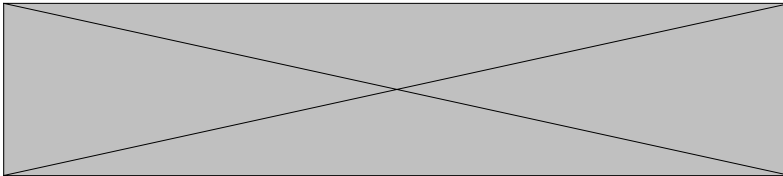
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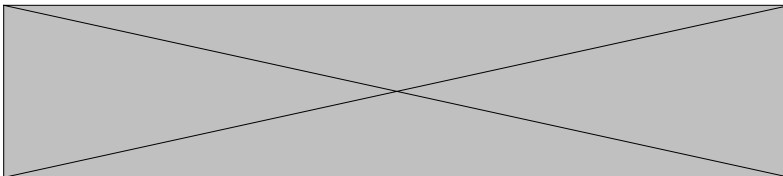
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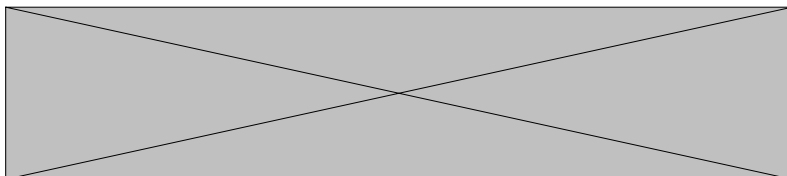
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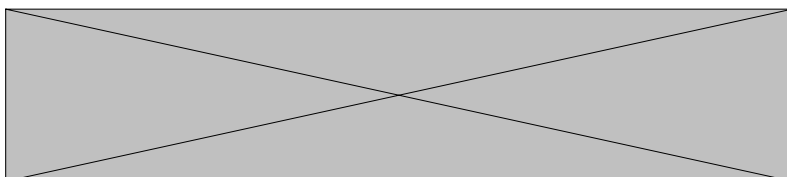
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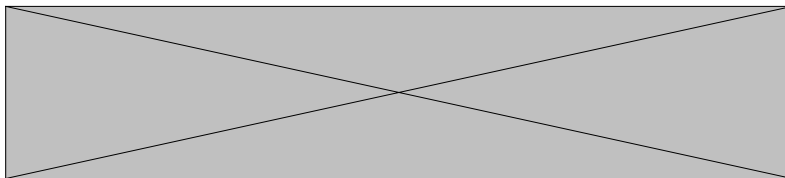
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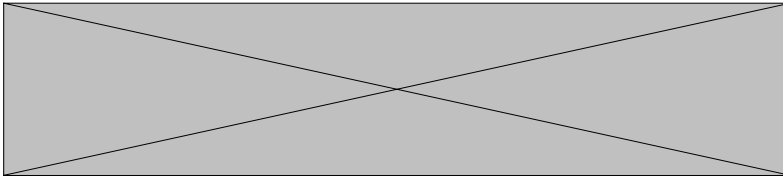
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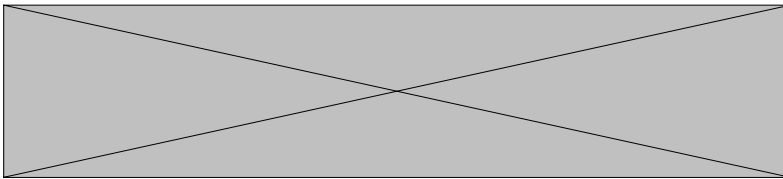


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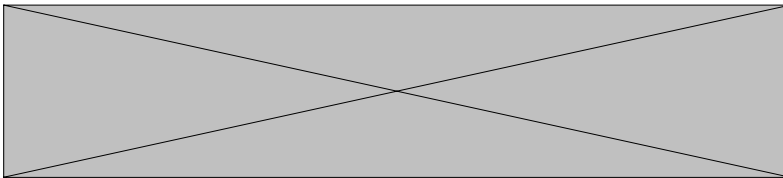
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Sent: 2017-09-29T08:23:18-04:00
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Received: 2017-09-29T08:23:31-04:00

Thanks. If you're able to let me know who else from NBC reached out, I'm happy to follow up with them to make sure you're not bombarded by repetitive requests in the future.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: RE: CBS q - Planes
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Understood. Thank you, appreciate it.

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Thank you,
Willa

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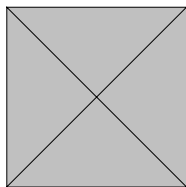
To: Daniel Jorjani[daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov]
Cc: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Newell, Russell
Sent: 2017-09-29T07:38:34-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: For Review - deadline tonight
Received: 2017-09-29T07:38:37-04:00

thanks Dan

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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 7:35 AM, Daniel Jorjani <daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

The Travel Office (Tim N.). As a fallback, the Travel Lawyers (Tim M. and Jennifer H.).



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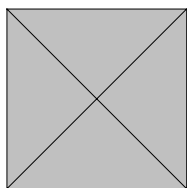
Ben promised to provide context in his article, which he did not. Did anyone ever ask Sally Jewell or Salazar about whether they were going to reimburse the govt for official travel? Who would have travel records for past Secretaries? I'd like to see a comparison.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:19 PM, Jorjani, Daniel <daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov> wrote:

OK to release the travel authorization. Waiting to hear back from Melinda (b)(6) to hear if she is ok with being quoted. Adding Ed to keep DGL in the loop.



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1. Who paid for Sec. Zinke's flight from Las Vegas to Whitefish?

The flight was conducted while the Secretary and staff were on official government business in Nevada and Montana, and as such the flight was paid by the Department.

2. How much did that flight cost?

The flight cost was \$12,375

3. Who was on the flight?

The Secretary, the USPP officer on duty, two Interior staff, and one BLM staff.

5. What was the nature of Sec. Zinke's visit to the Golden Knights development camp and how did that affect his ability to get a commercial flight to Kalispell?

As a former military officer and current government leader, the Secretary was asked to give a speech about leadership and the importance of teamwork. The Department's career ethics officials determined this was well within the Department's mission and it also was a key audience of people we are trying to target to use our public lands. Suggesting that by cancelling meetings and events the Secretary could make a

different flight is not a valid argument. That point could be made for every person who ever books flights. It's important for the Secretary to be in the field talking with the American people and meeting with local and state officials, which was exactly what he was doing on both legs of that trip.

6. Were there other commercial flights available that Sec. Zinke could have made?

There were no commercial flights available that the Secretary could have made. The last flight for the day left before the event concluded and the next available flight was the following morning which would have put the Secretary at the airport well after his first few meetings of the day.

7) The signed and dated OK from the Office of Aviation Services at Interior. <this actually comes from the Solicitor's office>

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8) A signed and dated letter of clearance from the Interior ethics office that the speaking engagement on June 26, 2017 at the Las Vegas Golden Knights camp was for official government business and cleared by the ethics department.

INSERT STATEMENT

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Sent: 2017-09-29T08:33:17-04:00
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Really? What's wrong with it?

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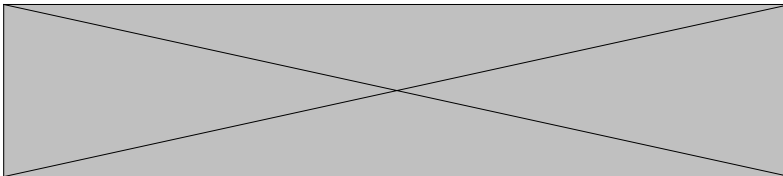
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Seems like the Center for Western Priorities.

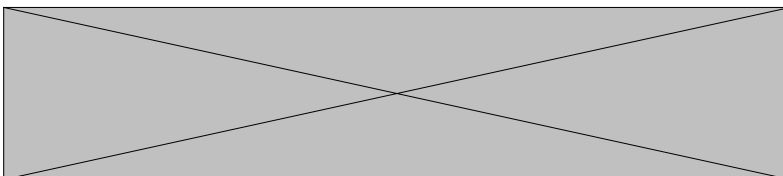
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1. WAPO
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1. WAPO

Lisa, the Secretary has never in his life met Mr Neilson and that the charter plane company is a vendor of the federal government. It was selected by career officials a thousand miles away in Boise or Atlanta after cost analysis. Furthermore, you would have learned that company had years of federal contracts before the Secretary was even sworn into office. But YOU never bothered to research, just take some lazy opposition research that was dropped into your lap. By the way, every other reporter who was pitched that declined after learning the facts because it was so flimsy.

Further, you lied through omission where you said commercial flights are available between LAS and FCA - FACT CHECK there are exactly 0 commercial flights leaving after 8PM that would have got the Secretary to FCA in time for an 8:30AM meeting.

You failed to include the piece of evidence that the trips were all above board - the statement from the two senior ethics officers - because it didn't fit your hit piece.

You lied and said there were multiple political events, yet there were not. He attended single political event for Senator Daines in Big Sky when he was already scheduled to be in the area and it was no cost to the Department.

You lied through omission on the Yellowstone aspect by making it sound like the itinerary was light. In fact, the itinerary in Yellowstone was robust. Are you aware that Yellowstone has a serious sexual harassment situation? The Secretary traveled there to meet with the superintendent and the staff about it. The park is also in hot negotiations with tribes on a number of fronts that needed the secretary's time. All of these things were also part of the secretary's trip in addition to meeting the employees he oversees.

On the point of the **UNITED STATES** Virgin Islands. Again another lie through omission and leading readers to believe he is at a foreign "Caribbean" islands rather than an American territory that is overseen by the Department. That itinerary included SEVERAL HOURS of official government events and ceremonies as well as meeting with American military veterans from the territory and a visit to a NATIONAL PARK that is under the jurisdiction of the Department.

Lastly - saying "swift didn't know" while not factually false is pretty low. It was 10PM and I told you I did not have the information immediately available. Your phrasing suggests

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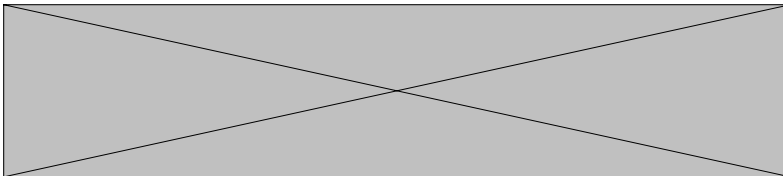
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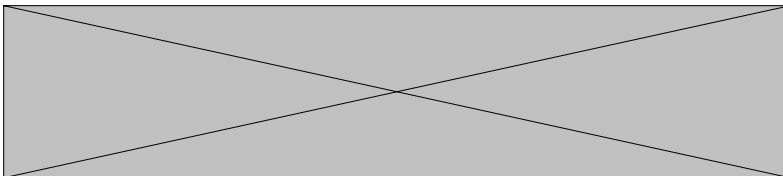
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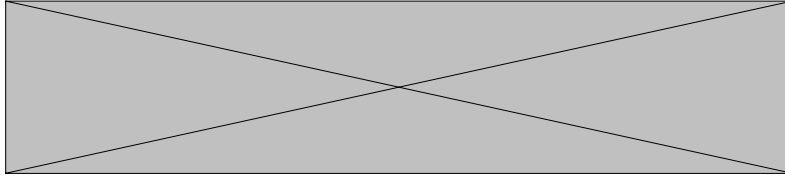
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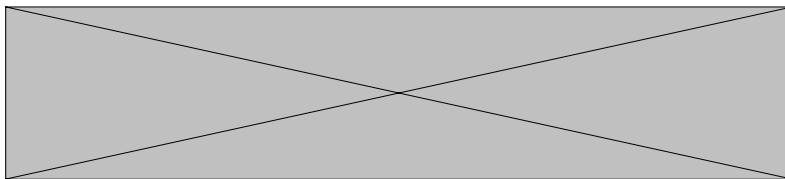


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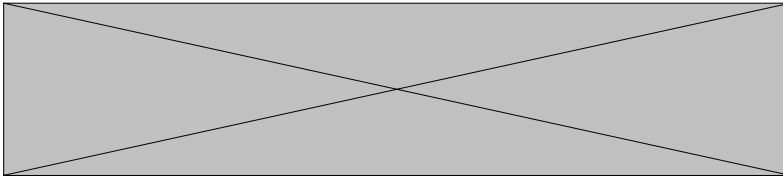
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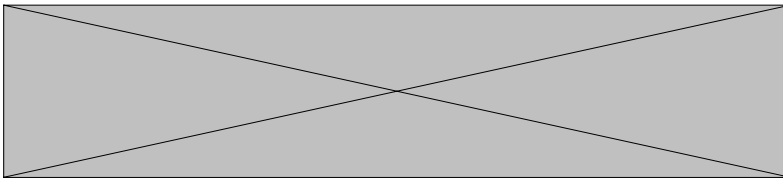
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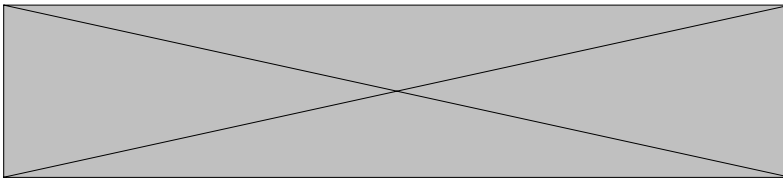
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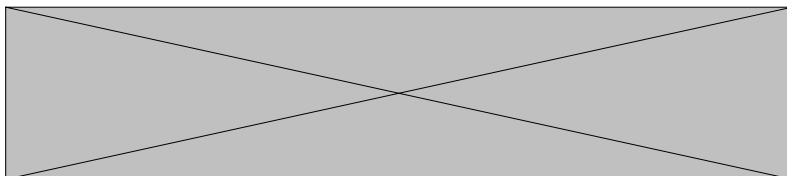
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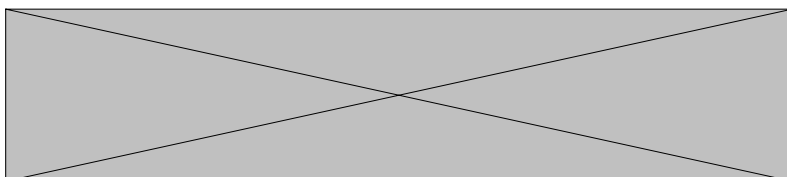
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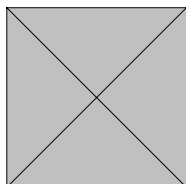
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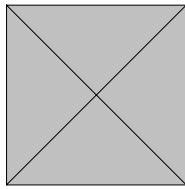
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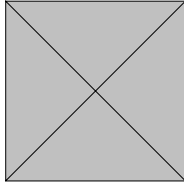
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The report cites a department spokesperson.

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Any confirmation of this graph/or comment from you? It looks like some of these details came straight from you?

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Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories) Also attending the ceremonies were the Danish Prime Minister and Governor Mapp as well as several other high ranking government officials.

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available for the itinerary of official government events.

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland with additional stops in Alaska
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The Committee organized and utilized a charter in northern Alaska.

Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

Payment: the Secretary and the staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.
The Secretary had events and speaking engagements in the evening in Nevada and in the morning in Montana.

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Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget

Heather Swift

Press Secretary

Department of the Interior

On Sep 29, 2017, at 6:46 AM, Hughes, Jillian <HughesJ@cbsnews.com> wrote:

Hi Heather –

Reaching out about reports of the Secretary's use of private planes.

"Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and his aides have taken several flights on private or military aircraft, including a \$12,000 charter plane to take him to events in his hometown in Montana and private flights between two Caribbean islands, according to documents and a department spokeswoman."

<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/09/28/ryan-zinke-charter-military-planes-interior-243280>

Any confirmation of this graph/or comment from you? It looks like some of these details came straight from you?

"Interior Department spokeswoman Heather Swift said Zinke's charter or military plane trips were booked only after officials were unable to find commercial flights that would accommodate Zinke's schedule, and that all were "pre-cleared by career officials in the ethics office." Swift said she had not spoken to Zinke about whether he would reimburse the government for the cost of the flights, as Price plans to do for some of the \$400,000 tab he racked up on charter flights.

On June 26, a Beechcraft King Air 200 carried Zinke and several staffers from Las Vegas to Glacier Park International Airport in Kalispell, Mont., about a 20-minute drive from Zinke's home in Whitefish, according to his official schedule. The flight cost \$12,375, Swift said."

Many thanks,
Jillian

Jillian B. Hughes
White House Producer, CBS News
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To: Rich, Michawn - OC, Washington, DC[Michawn.Rich@oc.usda.gov]; Rodgers, Meghan - OC, Washington, DC[Meghan.Rodgers@oc.usda.gov]; heather_swift@ios.doi.gov[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC
Sent: 2017-09-29T03:42:33-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Sec Perdue traveling on military plane with Sec Zinke to Montana
Received: 2017-09-29T03:42:47-04:00

Got this one and responded thusly. I was up early with (b)(6) so figured I would just answer.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Murtaugh, Tim - OC, Washington, DC" <Tim.Murtaugh@oc.usda.gov>
Date: September 29, 2017 at 3:41:12 AM EDT
To: "Karson, Kendall J." <Kendall.J.Karson@abc.com>
Cc: SM.OC.Press <Press@oc.usda.gov>
Subject: Re: Sec Perdue traveling on military plane with Sec Zinke to Montana

It is Secretary Perdue's responsibility to oversee the Forest Service and the thousands of employees who risk their lives protecting life and property battling wildfires. As part of those duties, he traveled with Interior Secretary Zinke to meet with firefighters and personally assess the situation at the ongoing Lolo Peak fire in August. Though Secretary Perdue usually travels on commercial flights, in this instance there were no viable commercial options available to transport two Cabinet secretaries, security details, and associated staff from USDA, the Forest Service, and the Department of the Interior to Missoula, Montana in the time required.

On Sep 29, 2017, at 1:34 AM, Karson, Kendall J. <Kendall.J.Karson@abc.com> wrote:

Hi Tim – I'm reaching out from ABC News to get a statement on Secretary Perdue's travel with Secretary Zinke on a military plan to Ravalli County, Montana after wildfires broke out in the area in August. Do you have any comment?

Thanks,

Kendall

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To: Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Zack Colman
Sent: 2017-09-28T22:30:25-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline
Received: 2017-09-28T22:30:37-04:00

Oh yeah, not even getting into the GQ stuff. Didn't plan on it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 9:18 PM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I also want to add the Politico piece misrepresents the Montana portion. The Secretary's itinerary started with meetings at 8:30 AM and then a 45 minute speech at WGA (at the invitation of the Democratic governor) a press conference, and a working lunch with the governors.

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On Sep 28, 2017, at 8:38 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

At least gotta like me a little more than politico today... didn't even focus on the Tromso and St. Croix flights because we were aware there's no other options. Thanks again for working with me on all this. I do appreciate the forthrightness.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 8:03 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I'm just waiting on our ethics officer to get back to me. The rest is below.

1. Who paid for Sec. Zinke's flight from Las Vegas to Whitefish?

The flight was conducted while the Secretary and staff were on official government business in Nevada and Montana, and as such the flight was paid by the Department.

2. How much did that flight cost?

The flight cost was \$12,375

3. Who was on the flight?

The Secretary, the USPP officer on duty, two Interior staff, and one BLM career staff.

5. What was the nature of Sec. Zinke's visit to the Golden Knights development camp and how did that affect his ability to get a commercial flight to Kalispell?

As a former military officer and current government leader, the Secretary was asked to give a speech about leadership and the importance of teamwork. The Department's career ethics officials determined this was well within the Department's mission and it also was a key audience of people we are trying to target to use our public lands. Suggesting that by cancelling meetings and events the Secretary could make a different flight is not a valid argument. That point could be made for every person who ever books flights. It's important for the Secretary to be in the field talking with the American people and meeting with local and state officials, which was exactly what he was doing on both legs of that trip.

6. Were there other commercial flights available that Sec. Zinke could have made?

There were no commercial flights available that the Secretary could have made. The last flight for the day left before the event concluded and the next available flight was the following morning which would have put the Secretary at the airport well after his first few meetings of the day.

7) The signed and dated OK from the Office of Aviation Services at Interior. <this actually comes from the Solicitor's office>

ATTACHED

8) A signed and dated letter of clearance from the Interior ethics office that the speaking engagement on June 26, 2017 at the Las Vegas Golden Knights camp was for official government business and cleared by the ethics department.

STATEMENT PENDING

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:58 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>
wrote:

Oy. Sorry to hear that. Will look out for it.

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Zack Colman

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:55 PM
To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Our ethics officer is out of the office (b)(6) so it's
taking a bit.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Swift, Heather

<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Waiting on the letters of approval for flight and speaking engagement. Both come from the ethics office.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:51 PM, Swift, Heather

<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:46 PM, Zack Colman
<zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

I actually don't believe that is necessary now that I am aware that it was a government contract. That was if it had been a gift to the department.

FYI we do plan on running the story in the a.m.

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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:43 PM
To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Zack, why do you think this is needed for the
flight? https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 4:06 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Just wanted to follow up to make sure we're on the same page for what I'm looking for now:

- 1) The signed and dated OK from the Office of Aviation Services at Interior.
- 2) The cost of the flight.
- 3) This signed and dated form:
https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf
- 4) A signed and dated letter of clearance from the Interior ethics office that the speaking engagement on June 26, 2017 at the Las Vegas Golden Knights camp was for official government business and cleared by the ethics department.

I don't envision getting this done today, for obvious reasons, so happy to keep working with you on this.

-Zack

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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 1:09 PM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

I'm here.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 1:07 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather - just got out of a meeting and heading to another now that begins at 1:30. Will call in a few minutes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 12:20 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Career ethics officials vet and approve every single trip the Secretary goes on. Can you give me a ring and chat off the record? 202-208-5338 Info may change your story.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:40 AM,
Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>
wrote:

Oh, and one last thing – regardless of whatever happened with this travel, did an ethics official happen to sign off on it before the flight occurred? Would have had to sign this form:
https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf

Thanks!

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From: Zack Colman

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:38 AM

To: 'Swift, Heather' <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: RE: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

But, brava, nonetheless. Brava, indeed.

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To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

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Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

That's what you think! That's 90 seconds wasted on googling
the perfect gif I'm not going to get
back.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:19 AM, Zack Colman

<zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Sure thing, Heather. I recall meeting you at a Washington Examiner event back in the day when I used to work there – not trying to be a faceless reporter you’ve rarely interacted with. We’re all humans here, ha.

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From: Swift, Heather
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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:18 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Thank you, Zack! I REALLY appreciate it. I promise you nobody has asked your line of questioning so I don't expect you to get scooped on anything.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:14 AM, Zack Colman

[<zcolman@eenews.net>](mailto:zcolman@eenews.net) wrote:

Hi Heather,

Sorry about all the back and forth here. It's just that my editor feels we have enough confirmed here through SEC filings, FEC filings, government databases, etc., to put a lot of this together. Given the attention being paid right now to planes and all that stuff, we're very sensitive to getting jumped by someone else given the weird nature of our publishing time (which, as a constantly nervous reporter, might be a little understandable, hopefully).

Ultimately, we can give you until 6 a.m. tomorrow at the absolute latest – that's when everything gets through the system en route to publishing. I was hoping to get something by late afternoon to ensure I had all I needed

before I started writing, but it is what it is, I can hold off. I've had enough good relationships with comms staff in this administration and the last and try to do everyone a solid by not writing before I have all the facts – too often people already have the story written before they even reach out. That's not the case here, seriously.

Sorry to have been a little snippy earlier. I think if you ask around that most people find me to be a fair reporter, and I hope you understand some of the constraints under which I'm operating. I know you have your own constraints, so this is the olive branch.

Thanks,

-Zack

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From: Swift, Heather
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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:08 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>; Noelle Straub
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Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Your request is not the only thing I'm working on today, Zack. I have multiple requests from EE alone and an entire national press corps I also work with. I'd appreciate some flexibility on your deadline.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 10:05 AM, Zack Colman

[<zcolman@eenews.net>](mailto:zcolman@eenews.net) wrote:

Heather – I can do by 4 pm today. I think that is a reasonable amount of time considering I sent the request at the start of the business day.

-Zack

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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:03 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Hey Zack, I might need a little more time to track this down. Can you do by 10 tomorrow?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 9:16 AM, Zack Colman
<zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi there,

Zack Colman here, White House correspondent with E&E News. Hope this finds you well.

Had some questions about Sec. Zinke's June 26 flight from Las Vegas to Kalispell, Mont. Was wondering who paid for that and how much it cost. Also, who else was on the plane?

I thought it was worth asking since the plane is owned by Jay Nielson, a board member of the Yellowstone Receptions Fund and former executive in Nielson & Associates, an oil and gas drilling business that,

along with Wyoming-based Iron Creek Energy, sold to Texas-based drillers Legacy LP. He's the son of James Nielson, the scion of a oil and gas drilling business (started by Glenn Nielson) who has donated more than \$100,000 to Republican candidates and campaign committees, who owns a company (Y-Tex) with 10s of thousands of government contracts and who owns a ski resort in an area that as recently as 2011 was being considered for additional wildlife protection by the Interior Department (Sleeping Giant).

All that said - what is Mr. Zinke's relationship to the Nielsons?

Sec. Zinke also appears to have spoken to Bill Foley's NHL hockey team in Las Vegas before jumping aboard this chartered flight. What was the nature of that visit, and how did it affect his ability to avoid needing to take a chartered flight? Were other commercial flights available that would have gotten Sec. Zinke to Kalispell?

So, to clarify:

1. Who paid for Sec. Zinke's flight from Las Vegas to Whitefish?
2. How much did that flight cost?
3. Who was on the flight?
4. What is Sec. Zinke's relationship to the Nielsons?
5. What was the nature of Sec. Zinke's visit to the Golden Knights development camp and how did that affect his ability to get a commercial flight to Kalispell?
6. Were there other commercial flights available that Sec. Zinke could have made?

I have a 3:30 pm deadline. Please let me know if you have any responses by then.

Thanks,

-Zack

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To: Marsh, Rene[Rene.Marsh@cnn.com]; Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov[interior_press@ios.doi.gov]; russell_newell@ios.doi.gov[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]; Levitt, Ross[Ross.Levitt@turner.com]; Wallace, Gregory[gregory.wallace@turner.com]
From: Marsh, Rene
Sent: 2017-09-29T13:09:00-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: CNN
Received: 2017-09-29T13:09:30-04:00

Good afternoon Heather,

CNN is circling back on this request.

Thank you,
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From: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>
Date: Friday, September 29, 2017 at 11:16 AM
To: "Marsh, Rene" <Rene.Marsh@cnn.com>, "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "interior_press@ios.doi.gov" <interior_press@ios.doi.gov>, "russell_newell@ios.doi.gov" <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov>, "Levitt, Ross" <Ross.Levitt@turner.com>, Gregory Wallace <gregory.wallace@turner.com>
Subject: Re: CNN

Good Morning Heather,

CNN is looking to confirm the costs of all of the charters you outlined below.
We are also looking to confirm the name of the charter company that provided the flights for the Secretary's official travel.
Besides these charter flights you noted below has the Secretary also used military/government planes? If so can you outline dates, times, places, justification?

Many thanks,
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Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 3:14 PM
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From: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 2:13 PM
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Subject: Re: CNN

I don't have that information immediately available. Will put a request in.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:09 PM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press
<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Thank you Heather.

What type of aircraft were these private planes? What was the cost for these trips that came out of the DOI budget?

Thank you
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Rene - also want to add on the Alaska portion that was part of the CODEL arranged by Senate ENR.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 12:17 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:56 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press <interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:
Thanks Heather.

What type of planes were these charter flights? Can you please check and confirm?
We are also looking to get a better understanding about why commercial flights were listed as not an option for the 5/17 trip?

There was no commercial flight available for the route/schedule. Getting around in the Arctic Circle is not like catching a flight out of Washington, D.C.

For the 6/26 trip what were the times of his commitment?
What time were the events scheduled for in Nevada? What time was the speaking engagement scheduled for the next morning in Montana?
The event ended around 8:00PM in NV. He arrived in MT around 2:00AM and the Secretary had meetings with governors and public lands advocates the following morning beginning at 8:45AM. The Western Governors Association - led by a Democratic governor - invited the Secretary to speak.

Is it safe to assume the secretary flew commercial from Washington D.C. to places like Vegas, Alaska and St. Croix before boarding the private flights in those places?

Yes - the Secretary flew to Nevada and the USVI on a commercial, coach, government fare. He got to Alaska by way of the CODEL which was arranged by the Senate. He left Alaska on a commercial, coach, government fare.

Thank you,

— René Marsh

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Date: Thursday, September 28, 2017 at 11:31 AM

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I sent this to Hannah Lang.

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Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget

The Secretary took a military jet once with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Purdue after he was invited by USDA to attend a briefing at a wildfire camp in Montana. The fire was one of the most high-priority in the country and a firefighter had died battling the blaze earlier in the summer. (The two departments co-manage wildfire fighting efforts for the federal government.)

The Secretary also travels military jet when he travels with POTUS or VPOTUS. There have been three such trips to Cincinnati, West Virginia, and Atlanta.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:20 AM, 'Marsh, Rene' via Interior Press

<interior_press@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Morning Heather,

I checked in with my colleagues and they say they never received a response on this topic from Interior. Could you please provide?

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I realize your colleague simply wrote about another article but this is really a hack job. Didn't even bother to email.

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/353026-zinke-used-private-military-planes-for-travel-report>

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In Secretary Zinke's case, the most egregious case of private travel occurred on June 26th, when the secretary opted against flying commercial to spend an evening with the Las Vegas professional hockey team—a team owned by Bill Foley, chairman of Fidelity National Financial, which happens to be Secretary Zinke's largest campaign contributor over the course of his career. Zinke then took a private plane to his home in Whitefish, Montana.

The night before, Zinke flew from Washington to Lake Tahoe for an event with the Rule of Law Defense Fund, a dark-money group sponsored by the Koch brothers which supports Republican attorneys general. According to the Secretary's travel schedule, he was seated at a table with lobbyists from Koch Industries, the NRA, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Center for Western Priorities issued the following statement from **Media Director Aaron Weiss**:

"Here's another case of a Trump administration official wining and dining with donors, lobbyists, and executives at the expense of taxpayers. Secretary Zinke's entire Nevada trip was a flimsy excuse for a political event in Lake Tahoe and a thank-you meeting with his biggest campaign bundler. Then he saddles taxpayers with the bill for a private plane when he could have easily flown commercial."

KEY EVENTS

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- **6:00 pm** — Zinke attends Rule of Law Defense Fund dinner. At Zinke's table: NRA lobbyists Randy Kozuch and Lacey Biles; Koch Industries lobbyist Allen Richardson; U.S. Chamber of Commerce VP Page Faulk

JUNE 26, 2017:

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- **2:00 pm–3:20 pm** — Zinke holds photo op in Pahrump, Nevada
- **5:30–7:30 pm** — Zinke attends dinner and gives motivational speech to Las Vegas Golden Knights NHL team, where he is introduced by team owner and major donor Bill Foley, Chairman of Fidelity National Financial
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For more information, visit westernpriorities.org. To speak with an expert on public lands, contact Aaron Weiss at 720-279-0019 or aaron@westernpriorities.org.

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Approved Quote. It has to be from both Melinda and Ed since we're covering two separate, though related, areas - Travel and Ethics, which report up through separate offices within SOL. Both are cc'd on this message.

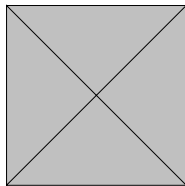
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7) The signed and dated OK from the Office of Aviation Services at Interior. <this actually comes from the Solicitor's office>

WAITING ON OK TO RELEASE THIS DOC

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Did the secretary take a charter flight on June 26 from Las Vegas to Glacier Park International Airport? How much did it cost? Was a

commercial flight available? Did he take charter flights in the U.S. Virgin Islands in March when commercial flights were available? Did he use a military aircraft on a flight to Norway in May? Will he reimburse the government for the cost of these flights?

From: Heather Swift
[mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 8:39 PM

To: Beech, Eric B. (Reuters)

Cc: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Comment on Politico story about Secretary Zinke taking charter flights

Please send specific questions

Heather Swift

Press Secretary
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On Sep 28, 2017, at 8:34 PM,
"Eric.Beech@thomsonreuters.com"
<Eric.Beech@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

Reuters is seeking comment on a Politico story that Secretary Zinke traveled on charter and military planes. Thanks

<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/09/28/ryan-zinke-charter-military-planes-interior-243280>

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To: Zack Colman[zcolman@eenews.net]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-09-28T21:16:18-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline
Received: 2017-09-28T21:16:26-04:00

"The Scheduling Office meets regularly with the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law to ensure that all travel is thoroughly reviewed and approved in advance and that it is fully compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Consistent with this process, the trip was reviewed and approved in advance by both the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law. In short, the trip - including the Secretary's address to the hockey developmental squad - was completely compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations." --Joint Statement from Melinda Loftin (Department of the Interior Designated Agency Ethics Official and Director of the Departmental Ethics Office) and Edward Keable (Deputy Solicitor - General Law). Both are career members of the Senior Executive Service.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
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On Sep 28, 2017, at 8:38 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

At least gotta like me a little more than politico today... didn't even focus on the Tromso and St. Croix flights because we were aware there's no other options.
Thanks again for working with me on all this. I do appreciate the forthrightness.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 8:03 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I'm just waiting on our ethics officer to get back to me. The rest is below.

1. Who paid for Sec. Zinke's flight from Las Vegas to Whitefish?

The flight was conducted while the Secretary and staff were on official government business in Nevada and Montana, and as such the flight was paid by the Department.

2. How much did that flight cost?

The flight cost was \$12,375

3. Who was on the flight?

The Secretary, the USPP officer on duty, two Interior staff, and one BLM career staff.

5. What was the nature of Sec. Zinke's visit to the Golden Knights development camp and how did that affect his ability to get a commercial flight to Kalispell?

As a former military officer and current government leader, the Secretary was asked to give a speech about leadership and the importance of teamwork. The Department's career ethics officials determined this was well within the Department's mission and it also was a key audience of people we are trying to target to use our public lands. Suggesting that by cancelling meetings and events the Secretary could make a different flight is not a valid argument. That point could be made for every person who ever books flights. It's important for the Secretary to be in the field talking with the American people and meeting with local and state officials, which was exactly what he was doing on both legs of that trip.

6. Were there other commercial flights available that Sec. Zinke could have made?

There were no commercial flights available that the Secretary could have made. The last flight for the day left before the event concluded and the next available flight was the following morning which would have put the Secretary at the airport well after his first few meetings of the day.

**7) The signed and dated OK from the Office of Aviation Services at Interior.
<this actually comes from the Solicitor's office>**

ATTACHED

8) A signed and dated letter of clearance from the Interior ethics office that the speaking engagement on June 26, 2017 at the Las Vegas Golden Knights camp was for official government business and cleared by the ethics department.

STATEMENT PENDING

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:58 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Oy. Sorry to hear that. Will look out for it.

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:55 PM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Our ethics officer is out of the office (b)(6) so it's taking a bit.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Waiting on the letters of approval for flight and speaking engagement. Both come from the ethics office.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:51 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

roger

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:46 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

I actually don't believe that is necessary now that I am aware that it was a government contract. That was if it had been a gift to the department.

FYI we do plan on running the story in the a.m.

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:43 PM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Zack, why do you think this is needed for the
flight? https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 4:06 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Just wanted to follow up to make sure we're on the same page for what I'm looking for now:

- 1) The signed and dated OK from the Office of Aviation Services at Interior.
- 2) The cost of the flight.
- 3) This signed and dated form:
https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf
- 4) A signed and dated letter of clearance from the Interior ethics office that the speaking engagement on June 26, 2017 at the Las Vegas Golden Knights camp was for official government business and cleared by the ethics department.

I don't envision getting this done today, for obvious reasons, so happy to keep working with you on this.

-Zack

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 1:09 PM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

I'm here.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 1:07 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather - just got out of a meeting and heading to another now that begins at 1:30. Will call in a few minutes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 12:20 PM, Swift, Heather
<heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Career ethics officials vet and approve every single trip the Secretary goes on. Can you give me a ring and chat off the record? 202-208-5338 Info may change your story.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:40 AM, Zack Colman
<zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Oh, and one last thing – regardless of whatever
happened with this travel, did an ethics official
happen to sign off on it before the flight occurred?
Would have had to sign this form:
[https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-
2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf](https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf)

Thanks!

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From: Zack Colman
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:38 AM
To: 'Swift, Heather' <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: RE: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

But, brava, nonetheless. Brava, indeed.

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:34 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

That's what you think! That's 90 seconds wasted on googling the perfect gif I'm not going to get back.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:19 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Sure thing, Heather. I recall meeting you at a Washington Examiner event back in the day when I used to work there – not trying to be a faceless reporter you’ve rarely interacted with. We’re all humans here, ha.

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From: Swift, Heather

[mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:18 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Thank you, Zack! I REALLY appreciate it. I promise you nobody has asked your line of questioning so I don't expect you to get scooped on anything.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:14 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Sorry about all the back and forth here. It's just that my editor feels we have enough confirmed here through SEC filings, FEC filings, government databases, etc., to put a lot of this together. Given the attention being paid right now to planes and all that stuff, we're very sensitive to getting jumped by someone else given the weird nature of our publishing time (which, as a constantly nervous reporter, might be a little understandable, hopefully).

Ultimately, we can give you until 6 a.m. tomorrow at the absolute latest – that's when everything gets through the system en route to publishing. I was hoping to get something by late afternoon to ensure I had all I needed before I started writing, but it is what it is, I can hold off. I've had enough good relationships with comms staff in this administration and the last and try to do everyone a solid by not writing before I have all the facts – too often people already have the story written before they even reach out. That's not the case here, seriously.

Sorry to have been a little snippy earlier. I think if you ask around that most people find me to be a fair reporter, and I hope you understand some of the constraints under which I'm operating. I know you have your own constraints, so this is the olive branch.

Thanks,

-Zack

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From: Swift, Heather
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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:08 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>; Noelle Straub <nstraub@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Your request is not the only thing I'm working on today, Zack. I have multiple requests from EE alone and an entire national press corps I also work with. I'd appreciate some flexibility on your deadline.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 10:05 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Heather – I can do by 4 pm today. I think that is a reasonable amount of time considering I sent the request at the start of the business day.

-Zack

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From: Swift, Heather
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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:03 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Hey Zack, I might need a little more time to track this down. Can you do by 10 tomorrow?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 9:16 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

wrote:

Hi there,

Zack Colman here, White House correspondent with E&E News. Hope this finds you well.

Had some questions about Sec. Zinke's June 26 flight from Las Vegas to Kalispell, Mont. Was wondering who paid for that and how much it cost. Also, who else was on the plane?

I thought it was worth asking since the plane is owned by Jay Nielson, a board member of the Yellowstone Recreations Fund and former executive in Nielson & Associates, an oil and gas drilling business that, along with Wyoming-based Iron Creek Energy, sold to Texas-based drillers Legacy LP. He's the son of James Nielson, the scion of a oil and gas drilling business (started by Glenn Nielson) who has donated more than \$100,000 to Republican candidates and campaign committees, who owns a company (Y-Tex) with 10s of thousands of government contracts and who owns a ski resort in an area that as recently as 2011 was being considered for additional wildlife protection by the Interior Department (Sleeping Giant).

All that said - what is Mr. Zinke's relationship to the Nielsons?

Sec. Zinke also appears to have spoken to Bill Foley's NHL hockey team in Las Vegas before jumping aboard this chartered flight. What was the nature of that visit, and how did it affect his ability to avoid needing to take a chartered flight? Were other commercial flights available that would have gotten Sec. Zinke to Kalispell?

So, to clarify:

1. Who paid for Sec. Zinke's flight from Las Vegas to Whitefish?
2. How much did that flight cost?
3. Who was on the flight?
4. What is Sec. Zinke's relationship to the Nielsons?
5. What was the nature of Sec. Zinke's visit to the Golden Knights development camp and how did that affect his ability to get a commercial flight to Kalispell?
6. Were there other commercial flights available that Sec. Zinke could have made?

I have a 3:30 pm deadline. Please let me know if you have any responses by then.

Thanks,

-Zack

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To: Ben Lefebvre[blefebvre@politico.com]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-09-28T21:09:09-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel
Received: 2017-09-28T21:09:17-04:00

Ben your description of the events in Montana is off. The Secretary had meetings starting at 8:30AM and then went to WGA. He gave a 45 minute speech then held a press conference. The then had a working lunch with governors.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Sep 28, 2017, at 7:54 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Oh, and USDA told me they're splitting the cost of the military flight with DOI.

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From: Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:38:12 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

I'll have a statement from the ethics office by the end of the night. The lead official is out of state on leave because (b)(6)

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:37 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

roger dodger.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:35 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Web team says redacting is going to be PIA, so they're just putting your quote about it being cleared up higher and removing doc.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:31 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

THANK YOU! I owe you a beer.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

I just sent word on redacting the info to the production guys.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:27 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Would you be willing to magic marker over the career officials' (Raul Matias and Sherman Hogue) salary and GS levels on the second page of the form? I know it's all publicly releasable information, I just want to release it in the press if it's not necessary

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:24 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

What's up?

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:19 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Could I ask a small favor off the record?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:17 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Thank. Including a link to the doc.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:13 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

FYI - here's the flight approval doc from Nevada

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

I think tonight.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:53 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

is your piece running tonight or tomorrow?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:50 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

No problem. I know how it is....

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:44 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

ah, sorry. that's my word salad. I haven't talked with the Secretary about personally paying for official government travel.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:41 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

You said: "I have not had the opportunity to discuss that with the Secretary however the trip is fully compliant and approved government travel."

Sorry, that means you haven't had the opportunity to discuss what with the Secretary? Reimbursement? Clearing the flights with ethics department? Sorry – I know it's getting late. Just want to make sure I have things correct.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:25 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Roger. He had multiple official government events and meetings on both sides of the trip. On the front end, an event ending at 7:45PM and on the back end meetings beginning again at 8:30AM. No commercial flights were available which merited the late flight. Of course this was pre-approved by the ethics office. Every single trip the secretary goes on is pre-cleared by career officials in the ethics office. I have not had the opportunity to discuss that with the Secretary however the trip is fully compliant and approved government travel.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:03 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Nope, I know they're government travel. But just wanted to know about the use of a chartered jet for government work. Just want to know if he has to reimburse. Tom Price just said he would for the private flights he booked.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Ben I am getting the sense that you believe these were not official government trips for some reason. Is that what you're getting at?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 5:57 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Sorry – the St. Thomas flights, and the flight to the WGA meeting.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 5:48 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Are you asking if the Secretary plans to reimburse DOI for the Secretary's flights

for official business?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 5:45 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Does Zinke intend to reimburse DOI for any of the charter flights?

Thank you,

Ben

From: Ben Lefebvre

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:12 PM

To: 'Swift, Heather' <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: RE: question form Politico on Secretary travel

And more follow-up:

When you say Fort Bliss supplied a helicopter, does that mean DOI did not pay for its use? Any idea on cost?

Did Mrs. Zinke attend the Norway leg of the trip? I'm just confused if the Greenland/Norway leg of that trip was an official CODEL, or if the CODEL was just the Alaska bit.

Thank you,

Ben

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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:03 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Thank you. A few more. Sorry for the dribble dribble on this.

1. The August flight to Ravalli County, that was tied to this August 24 Tweet? (Re: This: <https://twitter.com/Scavino45/status/889679192685780992>)

No, that appears to be a July tweet.

2. What transportation was used for his visit to Basin & Range Monument visit on July 30?
(<https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/891861787234058240>) If military or charter, reasoning and cost?

It was a BLM helicopter. (I don't immediately have the cost information available)

3. Did the Secretary use a military vehicle to review the Organ Mountains monument in New Mexico in June? If so, reasoning and cost?

Fort Bliss supplied a helicopter so the Secretary and Ft Bliss personnel were able to discuss their needs and concerns as related to the monument. Reasoning - it is difficult to survey a half million-acre piece of land with few roads by foot or car in an hour and a half.

4. Did the Secretary use a charter flight to visit Florida in April? If so, reasoning and cost?

The Secretary has not been to Florida.

5. I see on the Secretary Trip Summary that Mrs. Zinke was with him during the Alaska trip in May. Did she also travel with him to Norway (i.e., the leg of the trip before the events in Alaska)? If so, did DOI pay anything for her travel, lodging or food budget? Or did the Zinke's reimburse DOI her part of the trip out of their private bank accounts?

Mrs. Zinke personally paid for all of her expenses while traveling on the CODEL and in Alaska.

6. For the flights on AF1 to visit the Boy Scout jamboree and the Youngstown POTUS rally, did DOI pay anything toward the flights?

Yes. (I do not have this information immediately available)

Thank you,

Ben

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:35 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Apart from events with POTUS/VPOTUS, the Secretary took military air once. He was invited by USDA Secretary Sonny Purdue to go to a wildfire camp at a Type 1 fire in Ravalli County Montana in August. The fire claimed the life of one firefighter. It is still burning but 90% contained. The USDA and DOI co-manage wildfire fighting on federal lands. The USDA was the lead on the trip. DOI has not been billed for it.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories)

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

(waiting on cost/staff)

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland

and

Alaska

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The Committee organized and utilized a charter

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Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

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Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories) Also attending the ceremonies were the Danish Prime Minister and Governor Mapp as well as several other high ranking government officials.

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available for the itinerary of official government events.

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5/17

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Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

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6/26

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Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

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<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/09/28/ryan-zinke-charter-military-planes-interior-243280>

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Ultimately, we can give you until 6 a.m. tomorrow at the absolute latest – that's when everything gets through the system en route to publishing. I was hoping to get something by late afternoon to ensure I had all I needed before I started writing, but it is what it is, I can hold off. I've had enough good relationships with comms staff in this administration and the last and try to do everyone a solid by not writing before I have all the facts – too often people already have the story written before they even reach out. That's not the case here, seriously.

Sorry to have been a little snippy earlier. I think if you ask around that most people find me to be a fair reporter, and I hope you understand some of the constraints under which I'm operating. I know you have your own constraints, so this is the olive branch.

Thanks,

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Your request is not the only thing I'm working on today, Zack. I have multiple requests from EE alone and an entire national press corps I also work with. I'd appreciate some flexibility on your deadline.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 10:05 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

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I thought it was worth asking since the plane is owned by Jay Nielson, a board member of the Yellowstone Recreations Fund and former executive in Nielson & Associates, an oil and gas drilling business that, along with Wyoming-based Iron Creek Energy, sold to Texas-based drillers Legacy LP. He's the son of James Nielson, the scion of a oil and gas drilling business (started by Glenn Nielson) who has donated more than \$100,000 to Republican candidates and campaign committees, who owns a company (Y-TeX) with 10s of thousands of government contracts and who owns a ski resort in an area that as recently as 2011 was being considered for additional wildlife protection by the Interior Department (Sleeping Giant).

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Sure thing, Heather. I recall meeting you at a Washington Examiner event back in the day when I used to work there – not trying to be a faceless reporter you’ve rarely interacted with. We’re all humans here, ha.

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From: Swift, Heather
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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:18 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Thank you, Zack! I REALLY appreciate it. I promise you nobody has asked your line of questioning so I don't expect you to get scooped on anything.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:14 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Sorry about all the back and forth here. It's just that my editor feels we have enough confirmed here through SEC filings, FEC filings, government databases, etc., to put a lot of this together. Given

the attention being paid right now to planes and all that stuff, we're very sensitive to getting jumped by someone else given the weird nature of our publishing time (which, as a constantly nervous reporter, might be a little understandable, hopefully).

Ultimately, we can give you until 6 a.m. tomorrow at the absolute latest – that's when everything gets through the system en route to publishing. I was hoping to get something by late afternoon to ensure I had all I needed before I started writing, but it is what it is, I can hold off. I've had enough good relationships with comms staff in this administration and the last and try to do everyone a solid by not writing before I have all the facts – too often people already have the story written before they even reach out. That's not the case here, seriously.

Sorry to have been a little snippy earlier. I think if you ask around that most people find me to be a fair reporter, and I hope you understand some of the constraints under which I'm operating. I know you have your own constraints, so this is the olive branch.

Thanks,

-Zack

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From: Swift, Heather
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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>; Noelle Straub <nstraub@eenews.net>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Your request is not the only thing I'm working on today, Zack. I have multiple requests from EE alone and an entire national press corps I also work with. I'd appreciate some flexibility on your deadline.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 10:05 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Heather – I can do by 4 pm today. I think that is a reasonable amount of time considering I sent the request at the start of the business day.

-Zack

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From: Swift, Heather
[mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:03 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Hey Zack, I might need a little more time to track this down. Can you do by 10 tomorrow?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 9:16 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi there,

Zack Colman here, White House correspondent with E&E News. Hope this finds you well.

Had some questions about Sec. Zinke's June 26 flight from Las Vegas to Kalispell,

Mont. Was wondering who paid for that and how much it cost. Also, who else was on the plane?

I thought it was worth asking since the plane is owned by Jay Nielson, a board member of the Yellowstone Recreations Fund and former executive in Nielson & Associates, an oil and gas drilling business that, along with Wyoming-based Iron Creek Energy, sold to Texas-based drillers Legacy LP. He's the son of James Nielson, the scion of a oil and gas drilling business (started by Glenn Nielson) who has donated more than \$100,000 to Republican candidates and campaign committees, who owns a company (Y-Tex) with 10s of thousands of government contracts and who owns a ski resort in an area that as recently as 2011 was being considered for additional wildlife protection by the Interior Department (Sleeping Giant).

All that said - what is Mr. Zinke's relationship to the Nielsons?

Sec. Zinke also appears to have spoken to Bill Foley's NHL hockey team in Las Vegas before jumping aboard this chartered flight. What was the nature of that visit, and how did it affect his ability to avoid needing to take a chartered flight? Were other commercial flights available that would have gotten Sec. Zinke to Kalispell?

So, to clarify:

1. Who paid for Sec. Zinke's flight from Las Vegas to Whitefish?
2. How much did that flight cost?
3. Who was on the flight?
4. What is Sec. Zinke's relationship to the Nielsons?
5. What was the nature of Sec. Zinke's visit to the Golden Knights development camp and how did that affect his ability to get a commercial flight to Kalispell?
6. Were there other commercial flights available that Sec. Zinke could have made?

I have a 3:30 pm deadline. Please let me know if you have any responses by then.

Thanks,

-Zack

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To: Heather Swift[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov[Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov]
From: Jennifer Yachnin
Sent: 2017-09-28T20:42:22-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: Travel schedule
Received: 2017-09-28T20:42:27-04:00

Good, thanks. No, unless you're putting out a general statement the executive decision has been that it's a Climatewire story. Sorry for the mix-up.

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From: Heather Swift [heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Jennifer Yachnin
Cc: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Travel schedule

I'm working with your colleague Zack on a story. I imagine no need to double up.

Heather Swift
Press Secretary
Department of the Interior

On Sep 28, 2017, at 8:33 PM, Jennifer Yachnin <jyachnin@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi - Apologies if you've also been pinged by our Climatewire folks (that said, I can put the statement in both publications if you have one).

I understand the Secretary took a \$12k charter flight from Nevada to Montana ahead of the WGA meeting. Was that travel (and other charter travel) pre-approved by the DOI ethics office? Also, why take a private flight?

Secondly, the President criticized Tom Price for taking charter flights. Any concerns that he will also be upset with Sec. Zinke?

Thanks. - Jennifer

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To: Jennifer Yachnin[jyachnin@eenews.net]
Cc: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov[Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-09-28T20:40:05-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Travel schedule
Received: 2017-09-28T20:40:16-04:00

I'm working with your colleague Zack on a story. I imagine no need to double up.

Heather Swift
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On Sep 28, 2017, at 8:33 PM, Jennifer Yachnin <jyachnin@eenews.net> wrote:

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To: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Ben Lefebvre
Sent: 2017-09-28T19:53:07-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel
Received: 2017-09-28T19:53:17-04:00

Oh, and USDA told me they're splitting the cost of the military flight with DOI.

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From: Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:38:12 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

I'll have a statement from the ethics office by the end of the night. The lead official is out of state on leave because (b)(6)

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:37 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:35 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Web team says redacting is going to be PIA, so they're just putting your quote about it being cleared up higher and removing doc.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:31 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

THANK YOU! I owe you a beer.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

I just sent word on redacting the info to the production guys.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:27 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Would you be willing to magic marker over the career officials' (Raul Matias and Sherman Hogue) salary and GS levels on the second page of the form? I know it's all publicly releasable information, I just want to release it in the press if it's not necessary

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:24 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

What's up?

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:19 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Could I ask a small favor off the record?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:17 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Thank. Including a link to the doc.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:13 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

FYI - here's the flight approval doc from Nevada

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

I think tonight.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:53 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

is your piece running tonight or tomorrow?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:50 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

No problem. I know how it is....

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:44 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

ah, sorry. that's my word salad. I haven't talked with the Secretary about personally paying for official government travel.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:41 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

You said: "I have not had the opportunity to discuss that with the Secretary however the trip is fully compliant and approved government travel."

Sorry, that means you haven't had the opportunity to discuss what with the Secretary? Reimbursement? Clearing the flights with ethics department? Sorry – I know it's getting late. Just want to make sure I have things correct.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:25 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Roger. He had multiple official government events and meetings on both sides of the trip. On the front end, an event ending at 7:45PM and on the back end meetings beginning again at 8:30AM. No commercial flights were available which merited the late flight. Of course this was pre-approved by the ethics office. Every single trip the secretary goes on is pre-cleared by career officials in the ethics office. I have not had the opportunity to discuss that with the Secretary however the trip is fully compliant and approved government travel.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:03 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Nope, I know they're government travel. But just wanted to know about the use of a chartered jet for government work. Just want to know if he has to reimburse. Tom Price just said he would for the private flights he booked.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Ben I am getting the sense that you believe these were not official government trips for some reason. Is that what you're getting at?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 5:57 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Sorry – the St. Thomas flighs, and the flight to the WGA meeting.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 5:48 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Are you asking if the Secretary plans to reimburse DOI for the Secretary's flights for official business?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 5:45 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Does Zinke intend to reimburse DOI for any of the charter flights?

Thank you,

Ben

From: Ben Lefebvre

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:12 PM

To: 'Swift, Heather' <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: RE: question form Politico on Secretary travel

And more follow-up:

When you say Fort Bliss supplied a helicopter, does that mean DOI did not pay for its use? Any idea on cost?

Did Mrs. Zinke attend the Norway leg of the trip? I'm just confused if the Greenland/Norway leg of that trip was an official CODEL, or if the CODEL was just the Alaska bit.

Thank you,

Ben

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:03 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Thank you. A few more. Sorry for the dribble dribble on this.

1. The August flight to Ravalli County, that was tied to this August 24 Tweet? (Re: This: <https://twitter.com/Scavino45/status/889679192685780992>)

No, that appears to be a July tweet.

2. What transportation was used for his visit to Basin & Range Monument visit on July 30? (<https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/891861787234058240>) If military or charter, reasoning and cost?

It was a BLM helicopter. (I don't immediately have the cost information available)

3. Did the Secretary use a military vehicle to review the Organ Mountains monument in New Mexico in June? If so, reasoning and cost?

Fort Bliss supplied a helicopter so the Secretary and Ft Bliss personnel were able to discuss their needs and concerns as related to the monument. Reasoning - it is difficult to survey a half million-acre piece of land with few roads by foot or car in an hour and a half.

4. Did the Secretary use a charter flight to visit Florida in April? If so, reasoning and cost?

The Secretary has not been to Florida.

5. I see on the Secretary Trip Summary that Mrs. Zinke was with him during the Alaska trip in May. Did she also travel with him to Norway (i.e., the leg of the trip before the events in Alaska)? If so, did DOI pay anything for her travel, lodging or food budget? Or did the Zinke's reimburse DOI her part of the trip out of their private bank accounts?

Mrs. Zinke personally paid for all of her expenses while traveling on the CODEL and in Alaska.

6. For the flights on AF1 to visit the Boy Scout jamboree and the Youngstown POTUS rally, did DOI pay anything toward the flights?

Yes. (I do not have this information immediately available)

Thank you,

Ben

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:35 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Apart from events with POTUS/VPOTUS, the Secretary took military air once. He was invited by USDA Secretary Sonny Purdue to go to a wildfire camp at a Type 1 fire in Ravalli County Montana in August. The fire claimed the life of one firefighter. It is still burning but 90% contained. The USDA and DOI co-manage wildfire fighting on federal lands. The USDA was the lead on the trip. DOI has not been billed for it.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories)

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

(waiting on cost/staff)

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland

and

Alaska
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The
Committee organized and utilized a charter

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Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks
Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

, please contact SENR for more details about their choice of aircraft

Payment: the Secretary and

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staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

(waiting on cost)

6/26
Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.
The Secretary had

a

speaking engagement in the evening in Nevada and

meetings

in the morning in Montana.
Flight Plan:

8:30PM

Las Vegas -->

1:40AM

Kalispell
Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and staff to the event on time.

Payment:

\$12,375

(
Secretary and
4
staff
)

was
paid out of the DOI budget

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:43 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Hello all,

Has Secretary Zinke used military aircraft for travel during his time as Interior Secretary, and, if such travel happened, how much are the trips estimated to have cost? You can exclude travel with the POTUS on Air Force 1.

Also, has Secretary Zinke used charter flights for official travel during his time as

Secretary? If such travel happened, how much are the trips estimated to have cost?
I see on his public calendar that only a few flights were explicitly described as commercial flights, a July 30-31 United flight from LAS to IAD, for example.
Were any of the trips listed in his public calendar on chartered flights?

Thank you,

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To: Ebbs, Stephanie[Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-09-28T21:38:21-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Politico report
Received: 2017-09-28T21:38:29-04:00

As with previous Interior secretaries, the Secretary traveled on charter flights when there were no commercial options available. All travel is pre-approved by the ethics office (statement from them below) before booking, and the charter flights went through an additional level of due diligence.

The politico piece did not accurately describe the Montana portion of the trip. The Secretary's itinerary began with meetings at 8:30 AM then included a keynote speech to the Western Governor's Association (which is led by Montana's Democratic governor), a press conference, a working lunch with governors, and other engagements.

"The Scheduling Office meets regularly with the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law to ensure that all travel is thoroughly reviewed and approved in advance and that it is fully compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

Consistent with this process, the trip was reviewed and approved in advance by both the Departmental Ethics Office and the Division of General Law. In short, the trip - including the Secretary's address to the hockey developmental squad - was completely compliant with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations." --Joint Statement from Melinda Loftin (Department of the Interior Designated Agency Ethics Official and Director of the Departmental Ethics Office) and Edward Keable (Deputy Solicitor - General Law). Both are career members of the Senior Executive Service.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories) Also attending the ceremonies were the Danish Prime Minister and Governor Mapp as well as several other high ranking government officials.

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available for the itinerary of official government events.

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland with additional stops in Alaska

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The Committee organized and utilized a charter in northern Alaska.

Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

Payment: the Secretary and the staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.

The Secretary had events and speaking engagements in the evening in Nevada and in the morning in Montana.

Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and necessary staff to the morning Montana events on time. The Secretary's speech ended at 7:45PM and he had a meeting at 8:30 the following morning. The charter landed at 1:30AM. The secretary had multiple events at the Western Governors Association

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget

Heather Swift

Press Secretary

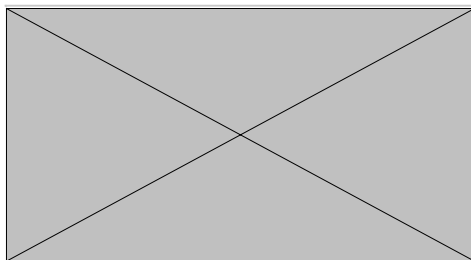
Department of the Interior

On Sep 28, 2017, at 9:35 PM, Ebbs, Stephanie <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com> wrote:

Hey Heather,

Can you confirm any of this? And do you have any other information about the secretary's travel? I though I saw some reporting that he always flew commercial but of course can't remember where I saw it

<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/09/28/ryan-zinke-charter-military-planes-interior-243280>



Interior Secretary Zinke traveled on charter, military planes

www.politico.com

The trips included private flights to his hometown and in the Caribbean.

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To: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Zack Colman
Sent: 2017-09-28T20:38:18-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline
Received: 2017-09-28T20:38:24-04:00

At least gotta like me a little more than politico today... didn't even focus on the Tromso and St. Croix flights because we were aware there's no other options. Thanks again for working with me on all this. I do appreciate the forthrightness.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 8:03 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

I'm just waiting on our ethics officer to get back to me. The rest is below.

1. Who paid for Sec. Zinke's flight from Las Vegas to Whitefish?

The flight was conducted while the Secretary and staff were on official government business in Nevada and Montana, and as such the flight was paid by the Department.

2. How much did that flight cost?

The flight cost was \$12,375

3. Who was on the flight?

The Secretary, the USPP officer on duty, two Interior staff, and one BLM career staff.

5. What was the nature of Sec. Zinke's visit to the Golden Knights development camp and how did that affect his ability to get a commercial flight to Kalispell?

As a former military officer and current government leader, the Secretary was asked to give a speech about leadership and the importance of teamwork. The Department's career ethics officials determined this was well within the Department's mission and it also was a key audience of people we are trying to target to use our public lands. Suggesting that by cancelling meetings and events the Secretary could make a different flight is not a valid argument. That point could be made for every person who ever books flights. It's important for the Secretary to be in the field talking with the American people and meeting with local and state officials, which was exactly what he was doing on both legs of that trip.

6. Were there other commercial flights available that Sec. Zinke could have made?

There were no commercial flights available that the Secretary could have made. The last flight for the day left before the event concluded and the next available flight was the

following morning which would have put the Secretary at the airport well after his first few meetings of the day.

- 7) The signed and dated OK from the Office of Aviation Services at Interior. <this actually comes from the Solicitor's office>**

ATTACHED

- 8) A signed and dated letter of clearance from the Interior ethics office that the speaking engagement on June 26, 2017 at the Las Vegas Golden Knights camp was for official government business and cleared by the ethics department.**

STATEMENT PENDING

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:58 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Oy. Sorry to hear that. Will look out for it.

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Zack Colman

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:55 PM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Our ethics officer is out of the office (b)(6) so it's taking a bit.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Waiting on the letters of approval for flight and speaking engagement.
Both come from the ethics office.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:51 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:46 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

I actually don't believe that is necessary now that I am aware that it was a government contract. That was if it had been a gift to the department.

FYI we do plan on running the story in the a.m.

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White House correspondent

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:43 PM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Zack, why do you think this is needed for the flight? https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 4:06 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Just wanted to follow up to make sure we're on the same page for what I'm looking for now:

- 1) The signed and dated OK from the Office of Aviation Services at Interior.
- 2) The cost of the flight.
- 3) This signed and dated form:
https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf
- 4) A signed and dated letter of clearance from the Interior ethics office that the speaking engagement on June 26, 2017 at the Las Vegas Golden Knights camp was for official government business and cleared by the ethics department.

I don't envision getting this done today, for obvious reasons, so happy to keep working with you on this.

-Zack

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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 1:09 PM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

I'm here.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 1:07 PM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather - just got out of a meeting and heading to another now that begins at 1:30. Will call in a few minutes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 12:20 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Career ethics officials vet and approve every single trip the Secretary goes on. Can you give me a ring and chat off the record? 202-208-5338 Info may change your story.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:40 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Oh, and one last thing – regardless of whatever happened with this travel, did an ethics official happen to sign off on it before the flight occurred? Would have had to sign this form:

https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/uploads/di-2000_2014_fillable_0.pdf

Thanks!

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From: Zack Colman
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:38 AM
To: 'Swift, Heather' <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
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But, brava, nonetheless. Brava, indeed.

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

That's what you think! That's 90 seconds wasted on googling the perfect gif
I'm not going to get back.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:19 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Sure thing, Heather. I recall meeting you at a Washington Examiner event back in the day when I used to work there – not trying to be a faceless reporter you’ve rarely interacted with. We’re all humans here, ha.

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:18 AM

To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Thank you, Zack! I REALLY appreciate it. I promise you nobody has asked your line of questioning so I don't expect you to get scooped on anything.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:14 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Sorry about all the back and forth here. It's just that my editor feels we have enough confirmed here through SEC filings, FEC filings, government databases, etc., to put a lot of this together. Given the attention being paid right now to planes and all that stuff, we're very sensitive to getting jumped by someone else given the weird nature of our publishing time (which, as a constantly nervous reporter, might be a little understandable, hopefully).

Ultimately, we can give you until 6 a.m. tomorrow at the absolute latest – that's when everything gets through the system en route to publishing. I was hoping to get something by late afternoon to ensure I had all I needed before I started writing, but it is what it is, I can hold off. I've had enough good relationships with comms staff in this administration and the last and try to do everyone a solid by not writing before I have all the facts – too often people already have the story written before they even reach out. That's not the case here, seriously.

Sorry to have been a little snippy earlier. I think if you ask around that most people find me to be a fair reporter, and I hope you understand some of the constraints under which I'm operating. I know you have your own constraints, so this is the olive branch.

Thanks,

-Zack

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:08 AM
To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>; Noelle Straub <nstraub@eenews.net>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Your request is not the only thing I'm working on today, Zack. I have multiple requests from EE alone and an entire national press corps I also work with. I'd appreciate some flexibility on your deadline.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 10:05 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Heather – I can do by 4 pm today. I think that is a reasonable amount of time considering I sent the request at the start of the business day.

-Zack

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From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Zinke chartered flight - 3:30p ET deadline

Hey Zack, I might need a little more time to track this down. Can you do by 10 tomorrow?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 9:16 AM, Zack Colman <zcolman@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi there,

Zack Colman here, White House correspondent with E&E News. Hope this finds you well.

Had some questions about Sec. Zinke's June 26 flight from Las Vegas to Kalispell, Mont.
Was wondering who paid for that and how much it cost. Also,
who else was on the plane?

I thought it was worth asking since the plane is owned by Jay Nielson, a board member of the Yellowstone Recreations Fund and former executive in Nielson & Associates, an oil and gas drilling business that, along with Wyoming-based Iron Creek Energy, sold to Texas-based drillers Legacy LP. He's the son of James Nielson, the scion of a oil and gas drilling business (started by Glenn Nielson) who has donated more than \$100,000 to Republican candidates and campaign committees, who owns a company (Y-TeX) with 10s of thousands of government contracts and who owns a ski resort in an area that as recently as 2011 was being considered for additional wildlife protection by the Interior Department (Sleeping Giant).

All that said - what is Mr. Zinke's relationship to the Nielsons?

Sec. Zinke also appears to have spoken to Bill Foley's NHL hockey team in Las Vegas before jumping aboard this chartered flight. What was the nature of that visit, and how did it affect his ability to avoid needing to take a chartered flight? Were other commercial flights available that would have gotten Sec. Zinke to Kalispell?

So, to clarify:

1. Who paid for Sec. Zinke's flight from Las Vegas to Whitefish?
2. How much did that flight cost?
3. Who was on the flight?
4. What is Sec. Zinke's relationship to the Nielsons?
5. What was the nature of Sec. Zinke's visit to the Golden Knights development camp and how did that affect his ability to get a commercial flight to Kalispell?
6. Were there other commercial flights available that Sec. Zinke could have made?

I have a 3:30 pm deadline. Please let me know if you have any responses by then.

Thanks,

-Zack

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To: dhenry@thehill.com[dhenry@thehill.com]; tcama@thehill.com[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-09-28T21:44:05-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Can you please correct this
Received: 2017-09-28T21:44:13-04:00

I realize your colleague simply wrote about another article but this is really a hack job. Didn't even bother to email.

<http://thehill.com/homenews/administration/353026-zinke-used-private-military-planes-for-travel-report>

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To: Russell Newell[russell_newell@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Daniel Jorjani[daniel.jorjani@sol.doi.gov]
From: Heather Swift
Sent: 2017-09-28T20:30:02-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: For Review - deadline tonight
Received: 2017-09-28T20:30:05-04:00

The reporter is only holding on the ethics statement. He has all the other info. The ethics statement will be very important.

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On Sep 28, 2017, at 7:53 PM, Russell Newell <russell_newell@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Looks good here

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 7:13 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

1. Who paid for Sec. Zinke's flight from Las Vegas to Whitefish?

The flight was conducted while the Secretary and staff were on official government business in Nevada and Montana, and as such the flight was paid by the Department.

2. How much did that flight cost?

The flight cost was \$12,375

3. Who was on the flight?

The Secretary, the USPP officer on duty, two Interior staff, and one BLM staff.

5. What was the nature of Sec. Zinke's visit to the Golden Knights development camp and how did that affect his ability to get a commercial flight to Kalispell?

As a former military officer and current government leader, the Secretary

was asked to give a speech about leadership and the importance of teamwork. The Department's career ethics officials determined this was well within the Department's mission and it also was a key audience of people we are trying to target to use our public lands. Suggesting that by cancelling meetings and events the Secretary could make a different flight is not a valid argument. That point could be made for every person who ever books flights. It's important for the Secretary to be in the field talking with the American people and meeting with local and state officials, which was exactly what he was doing on both legs of that trip.

6. Were there other commercial flights available that Sec. Zinke could have made?

There were no commercial flights available that the Secretary could have made. The last flight for the day left before the event concluded and the next available flight was the following morning which would have put the Secretary at the airport well after his first few meetings of the day.

7) The signed and dated OK from the Office of Aviation Services at Interior. <this actually comes from the Solicitor's office>

WAITING ON OK TO RELEASE THIS DOC

8) A signed and dated letter of clearance from the Interior ethics office that the speaking engagement on June 26, 2017 at the Las Vegas Golden Knights camp was for official government business and cleared by the ethics department.

INSERT STATEMENT

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To: Swift, Heather[heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
From: Ben Lefebvre
Sent: 2017-09-28T19:51:54-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel
Received: 2017-09-28T19:52:05-04:00

Story is going to Web now. I can get the ethics officer statement in a follow-up for tomorrow.
Any progress on the costs of the Virgin Island flights or BLM helicopter use?

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From: Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:38:12 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

I'll have a statement from the ethics office by the end of the night. The lead official is out of state on leave because (b)(6)

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:37 PM, Swift, Heather <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:35 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Web team says redacting is going to be PIA, so they're just putting your quote about it being cleared up higher and removing doc.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:31 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

THANK YOU! I owe you a beer.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

I just sent word on redacting the info to the production guys.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:27 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Would you be willing to magic marker over the career officials' (Raul Matias and Sherman Hogue) salary and GS levels on the second page of the form? I know it's all publicly releasable information, I just want to release it in the press if it's not necessary

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:24 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

What's up?

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:19 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Could I ask a small favor off the record?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 7:17 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Thank. Including a link to the doc.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 7:13 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

FYI - here's the flight approval doc from Nevada

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

I think tonight.

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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:53 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

is your piece running tonight or tomorrow?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:50 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

No problem. I know how it is....

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:44 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

ah, sorry. that's my word salad. I haven't talked with the Secretary about personally paying for official government travel.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:41 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

You said: "I have not had the opportunity to discuss that with the Secretary however the trip is fully compliant and approved government travel."

Sorry, that means you haven't had the opportunity to discuss what with the Secretary? Reimbursement? Clearing the flights with ethics department? Sorry – I know it's getting late. Just want to make sure I have things correct.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:25 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Roger. He had multiple official government events and meetings on both sides of the trip. On the front end, an event ending at 7:45PM and on the back end meetings beginning again at 8:30AM. No commercial flights were available which merited the late flight. Of course this was pre-approved by the ethics office. Every single trip the secretary goes on is pre-cleared by career officials in the ethics office. I have not had the opportunity to discuss that with the Secretary however the trip is fully compliant and approved government travel.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:03 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Nope, I know they're government travel. But just wanted to know about the use of a chartered jet for government work. Just want to know if he has to reimburse. Tom Price just said he would for the private flights he booked.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:01 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Ben I am getting the sense that you believe these were not official government trips for some reason. Is that what you're getting at?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 5:57 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Sorry – the St. Thomas flighs, and the flight to the WGA meeting.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 5:48 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Are you asking if the Secretary plans to reimburse DOI for the Secretary's flights for official business?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 5:45 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Does Zinke intend to reimburse DOI for any of the charter flights?

Thank you,

Ben

From: Ben Lefebvre

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:12 PM

To: 'Swift, Heather' <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: RE: question form Politico on Secretary travel

And more follow-up:

When you say Fort Bliss supplied a helicopter, does that mean DOI did not pay for its use? Any idea on cost?

Did Mrs. Zinke attend the Norway leg of the trip? I'm just confused if the Greenland/Norway leg of that trip was an official CODEL, or if the CODEL was just the Alaska bit.

Thank you,

Ben

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Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Thank you. A few more. Sorry for the dribble dribble on this.

1. The August flight to Ravalli County, that was tied to this August 24 Tweet? (Re: This: <https://twitter.com/Scavino45/status/889679192685780992>)

No, that appears to be a July tweet.

2. What transportation was used for his visit to Basin & Range Monument visit on July 30? (<https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/891861787234058240>) If military or charter, reasoning and cost?

It was a BLM helicopter. (I don't immediately have the cost information available)

3. Did the Secretary use a military vehicle to review the Organ Mountains monument in New Mexico in June? If so, reasoning and cost?

Fort Bliss supplied a helicopter so the Secretary and Ft Bliss personnel were able to discuss their needs and concerns as related to the monument. Reasoning - it is difficult to survey a half million-acre piece of land with few roads by foot or car in an hour and a half.

4. Did the Secretary use a charter flight to visit Florida in April? If so, reasoning and cost?

The Secretary has not been to Florida.

5. I see on the Secretary Trip Summary that Mrs. Zinke was with him during the Alaska trip in May. Did she also travel with him to Norway (i.e., the leg of the trip before the events in Alaska)? If so, did DOI pay anything for her travel, lodging or food budget? Or did the Zinke's reimburse DOI her part of the trip out of their private bank accounts?

Mrs. Zinke personally paid for all of her expenses while traveling on the CODEL and in Alaska.

6. For the flights on AF1 to visit the Boy Scout jamboree and the Youngstown POTUS rally, did DOI pay anything toward the flights?

Yes. (I do not have this information immediately available)

Thank you,

Ben

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 3:35 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Apart from events with POTUS/VPOTUS, the Secretary took military air once. He was invited by USDA Secretary Sonny Purdue to go to a wildfire camp at a Type 1 fire in Ravalli County Montana in August. The fire claimed the life of one firefighter. It is still burning but 90% contained. The USDA and DOI co-manage wildfire fighting on federal lands. The USDA was the lead on the trip. DOI has not been billed for it.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

Trip: USVI Centennial Transfer Day Ceremony (The 100 year anniversary of the Danish government turning over the Virgin Islands to the United States. DOI has jurisdiction over territories)

Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

(waiting on cost/staff)

5/17

Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland

and

Alaska
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The
Committee organized and utilized a charter

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Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks
Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

, please contact SENR for more details about their choice of aircraft

Payment: the Secretary and

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staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

(waiting on cost)

6/26
Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.
The Secretary had

a

speaking engagement in the evening in Nevada and

meetings

in the morning in Montana.
Flight Plan:

8:30PM

Las Vegas -->

1:40AM

Kalispell
Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and staff to the event on time.

Payment:

\$12,375

(
Secretary and
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staff
)

was
paid out of the DOI budget

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:43 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Hello all,

Has Secretary Zinke used military aircraft for travel during his time as Interior Secretary, and, if such travel happened, how much are the trips estimated to have cost? You can exclude travel with the POTUS on Air Force 1.

Also, has Secretary Zinke used charter flights for official travel during his time as

Secretary? If such travel happened, how much are the trips estimated to have cost?
I see on his public calendar that only a few flights were explicitly described as commercial flights, a July 30-31 United flight from LAS to IAD, for example.
Were any of the trips listed in his public calendar on chartered flights?

Thank you,

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Interior Department spokeswoman Heather Swift said Zinke's charter or military plane trips were booked only after officials were unable to find commercial flights that would accommodate Zinke's schedule, and that all were "pre-cleared by career officials in the ethics office." Swift said she had not spoken to Zinke about whether he would reimburse the government for the cost of the flights, as Price plans to do for some of the \$400,000 tab he racked up on charter flights.

On June 26, a Beechcraft King Air 200 carried Zinke and several staffers from Las Vegas to Glacier Park International Airport in Kalispell, Mont., about a 20-minute drive from Zinke's home in Whitefish, according to his official schedule. The flight cost \$12,375, Swift said.

Zinke left after speaking at an event for the city's new professional hockey team, the "Vegas Golden Knights Development Camp Dinner," according to his schedule. Earlier in the day, he had been in Pahrump, Nev., for an announcement related to public lands.

Zinke's flight left Las Vegas at 8:30 p.m. PST and landed around 1:30 a.m. MST in Kalispell. The secretary stayed overnight at his residence, Interior documents show.

Las Vegas is one of the main connecting airports for commercial flights to Glacier International. Commercial flights between the two cities are available for several hundred dollars a ticket,

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In Whitefish, Zinke attended the Western Governors' Association's annual meeting, where he spoke for about 20 minutes without taking questions. He then had a private lunch with association members. In the afternoon Zinke was the subject of a photo shoot with GQ magazine at Lake McDonald and fished while being interviewed by Outside Magazine, the records show.

Zinke and staffers flew commercial back to Washington, D.C., the next day, according to the records.

The trip was not the first in which Interior booked a private jet for Zinke. On March 31, Interior chartered two flights to take Zinke and staff from St. Croix to St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands to attend the centennial of the Danish government turning the islands over to the United States. Another two flights were chartered to return to St. Croix later that night.

Swift said she did not know how much the flights cost but that no other arrangements were available.

Commercial flights between the two islands generally run a few hundred dollars, according to travel booking websites.

In May, Zinke and his wife, Lolita, used a military aircraft to travel to Norway. From there, they flew on a military plane to Alaska for events organized by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The trip included charter planes to travel within Alaska, a common occurrence in the large, remote state. The Zinkes paid for Lolita's share of the trip, the full cost of which was not immediately available, Swift said.

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WAITING ON OK TO RELEASE THIS DOC

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September 28 at 6:14 PM

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:54 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

I think tonight.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:53 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

is your piece running tonight or tomorrow?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:50 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

No problem. I know how it is....

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:44 PM
To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

ah, sorry. that's my word salad. I haven't talked with the Secretary about personally paying for official government travel.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:41 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

You said: "I have not had the opportunity to discuss that with the Secretary however the trip is fully compliant and approved government travel."

Sorry, that means you haven't had the opportunity to discuss what with the Secretary? Reimbursement? Clearing the flights with ethics department? Sorry – I know it's getting late. Just want to make sure I have things correct.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]

Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 6:25 PM

To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>

Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Roger. He had multiple official government events and meetings on both sides of the trip. On the front end, an event ending at 7:45PM and on the back end meetings beginning again at 8:30AM. No commercial flights were available which merited the late flight. Of course this was pre-approved by the ethics office. Every single trip the secretary goes on is pre-cleared by career officials in the ethics office. I have not had the opportunity to discuss that with the Secretary however the trip is fully compliant and approved government travel.

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 6:03 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Nope, I know they're government travel. But just wanted to know about the use of a chartered jet for government work. Just want to know if he has to reimburse. Tom Price just said he would for the private flights he booked.

From: Swift, Heather [mailto:heather_swift@ios.doi.gov]
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To: Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com>
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Ben I am getting the sense that you believe these were not official government trips for some reason. Is that what you're getting at?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 5:57 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Sorry – the St. Thomas flights, and the flight to the WGA meeting.

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Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: question form Politico on Secretary travel

Are you asking if the Secretary plans to reimburse DOI for the Secretary's flights for official business?

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 5:45 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Hi Heather,

Does Zinke intend to reimburse DOI for any of the charter flights?

Thank you,

Ben

From: Ben Lefebvre
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 4:12 PM
To: 'Swift, Heather' <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: interior_press@ios.doi.gov
Subject: RE: question form Politico on Secretary travel

And more follow-up:

When you say Fort Bliss supplied a helicopter, does that mean DOI did not pay for its use? Any idea on cost?

Did Mrs. Zinke attend the Norway leg of the trip? I'm just confused if the Greenland/Norway leg of that trip was an official CODEL, or if the CODEL was just the Alaska bit.

Thank you,

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Thank you. A few more. Sorry for the dribble dribble on this.

1. The August flight to Ravalli County, that was tied to this August 24 Tweet? (Re: This: <https://twitter.com/Scavino45/status/889679192685780992>)

No, that appears to be a July tweet.

2. What transportation was used for his visit to Basin & Range Monument visit on July 30? (<https://twitter.com/SecretaryZinke/status/891861787234058240>) If military or charter, reasoning and cost?

It was a BLM helicopter. (I don't immediately have the cost information available)

3. Did the Secretary use a military vehicle to review the Organ Mountains monument in New Mexico in June? If so, reasoning and cost?

Fort Bliss supplied a helicopter so the Secretary and Ft Bliss personnel were able to discuss their needs and concerns as related to the monument. Reasoning - it is difficult to survey a half million-acre piece of land with few roads by foot or car in an hour and a half.

4. Did the Secretary use a charter flight to visit Florida in April? If so, reasoning and cost?

The Secretary has not been to Florida.

5. I see on the Secretary Trip Summary that Mrs. Zinke was with him during the Alaska trip in May. Did she also travel with him to Norway (i.e., the leg of the trip before the events in Alaska)? If so, did DOI pay anything for her travel, lodging or food budget? Or did the Zinke's reimburse DOI her part of the trip out of their private bank accounts?

Mrs. Zinke personally paid for all of her expenses while traveling on the CODEL and in Alaska.

6. For the flights on AF1 to visit the Boy Scout jamboree and the Youngstown POTUS rally, did DOI pay anything toward the flights?

Yes. (I do not have this information immediately available)

Thank you,

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Apart from events with POTUS/VPOTUS, the Secretary took military air once. He was invited by USDA Secretary Sonny Purdue to go to a wildfire camp at a Type 1

fire in Ravalli County Montana in August. The fire claimed the life of one firefighter. It is still burning but 90% contained. The USDA and DOI co-manage wildfire fighting on federal lands. The USDA was the lead on the trip. DOI has not been billed for it.

Three Charter Flights

3/31

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(waiting on cost/staff)

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Trip: CODEL to Norway and Greenland

and

Alaska

Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee organized the Arctic CODEL. The Committee organized and utilized a charter

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Flight Plan: Deadhorse, AK --> Alpine, AK --> Fairbanks

Reason: Commercial flights were not an option

, please contact SENR for more details about their choice of aircraft

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6/26

Las Vegas to Kalispell, MT for the Western Governors Association annual meeting.

The Secretary had

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meetings

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Flight Plan:

8:30PM

Las Vegas -->

1:40AM

Kalispell

Reason: No commercial flight available to get the Secretary and staff to the event on time.

Payment:

\$12,375

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On Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:43 PM, Ben Lefebvre <blefebvre@politico.com> wrote:

Hello all,

Has Secretary Zinke used military aircraft for travel during his time as Interior Secretary, and, if such travel happened, how much are the trips estimated to have cost? You can exclude travel with the POTUS on Air Force 1.

Also, has Secretary Zinke used charter flights for official travel during his time as Secretary? If such travel happened, how much are the trips estimated to have cost? I see on his public calendar that only a few flights were explicitly described as commercial flights, a July 30-31 United flight from LAS to IAD, for example. Were any of the trips listed in his public calendar on chartered flights?

Thank you,

Ben Lefebvre

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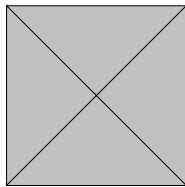
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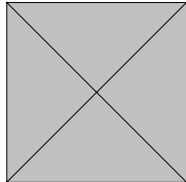
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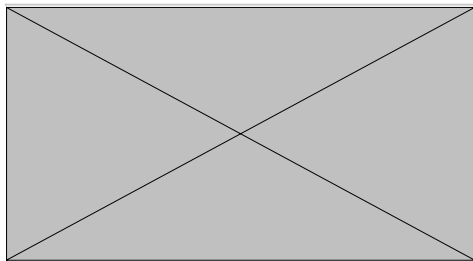
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Hey Heather,

Can you confirm any of this? And do you have any other information about the secretary's travel? I though I saw some reporting that he always flew commercial but of course can't remember where I saw it

<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/09/28/ryan-zinke-charter-military-planes-interior-243280>



Interior Secretary Zinke traveled on charter, military planes

www.politico.com

The trips included private flights to his hometown and in the Caribbean.

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As with previous Interior secretaries, the Secretary traveled on charter flights when there were no commercial options available. All travel is pre-approved by the ethics office (statement from them below) before booking, and the charter flights went through an additional level of due diligence.

The politico piece did not accurately describe the Montana portion of the trip. The Secretary's itinerary began with meetings at 8:30 AM then included a keynote speech to the Western Governor's Association (which is led by Montana's Democratic governor), a press conference, a working lunch with governors, and other engagements.

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Flight Plan: St Croix --> St Thomas --> St Croix

Reason: No commercial flight were available for the extensive itinerary of official government events.

Payment: the Secretary and staff tickets were paid out of the DOI budget.

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Flight Plan: Las Vegas --> Kalispell

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On Sep 28, 2017, at 9:52 PM, Shaffer, Leslie (NBCUniversal, CNBC Asia)
<Leslie.Shaffer@nbcuni.com> wrote:

Hello –

I'm a writer at CNBC.

Politico is reporting that Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and members of his staff have used charter and military flights, sometimes at great expense.

Does Mr. Zinke or the department have a comment on the report?

Can you confirm that the charter flight from Las Vegas to Montana in June cost \$12,375? What was the cost of the charter flights between St. Croix and St. Thomas in March? Can you provide the costs for the various military flights described in the report?

Thank you,

Leslie Shaffer

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Can you please respond to the emails I forwarded you from Jorjani

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 10:43 AM, Hinson, Alex <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

yes?

On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 10:42 AM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 10:16 AM, Hinson, Alex <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

no worries. you got it

On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 10:15 AM, Heather Swift <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

Hold. Low priority. Thank you.

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 10:14 AM, Hinson, Alex <alex_hinson@ios.doi.gov> wrote:

INTERIOR DAILY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

NEWS TO SHARE:

Washington Post: The Energy 202: Zinke suggests solar power may not best use of public land

“Despite saying in speeches that he happens “to love the coal miners” but that wind power “kills all the birds,” the Trump administration’s official policy is ostensibly to pursue an “all-of-the-above” energy strategy. Under such a policy, as it’s described, the government does not pick winners and losers in the marketplace. Private firms are free to develop the energy source they determine to be the most economical. The more sources of electricity and fuel there are domestically, the thinking goes, the less dependent the United States is on other nations to meet its energy needs.”

The Bend Bulletin: Editorial: Zinke shows thoughtful approach to wildfire

“Zinke recognizes the dangers wildfires pose. His memo was written in response to those dangers. He didn’t give explicit instructions about what should be done. He did note, however, that as his department urges Western communities to adopt Firewise standards, it should model those same standards in planning, development and maintenance of its facilities. Some critics of the agency and its leader took that as a directive for a one-size-fits-all plan for fuel reduction on BLM land. Yet, the memo says nothing about specifics. Instead, it lays out a broad direction to the agencies under his charge.”

Correcting the Record:

Washington Post: Zinke took \$12,000 charter flight home in oil executive’s plane, documents show

“Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke chartered a flight from Las Vegas to near his home in Montana this summer aboard a plane owned by oil-and-gas executives, internal documents show. The flight, along with private flights during a trip to the Virgin Islands, could propel Zinke into the growing debate over the costs of travel by Cabinet secretaries, some of whom have chosen expensive charter jets and military planes at high expense to taxpayers over the cheaper option of flying commercial.”

TALKING POINTS

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- Taxpayers absolutely have a right to know how much official government travel costs. It's common sense. At the Department we make those documents available to the public. Using tax dollars wisely and ethically is a big responsibility and is at the heart of good government. Unfortunately there are some times when Interior has to utilize charter services because we often travel to areas that don't have a lot of flight options.
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**New York Times: Interior Department to Overhaul
Obama's Sage Grouse Protection Plan**

"The Trump administration will seek to reconsider an Obama-era blueprint for protecting the greater sage grouse, a move that could lead to new mineral leasing, grazing and other commercial activities across the quirky bird's Western habitat. The Interior Department intends this week to publish a formal notice of intent to amend 98 sage grouse habitat management plans across 10 states, according to multiple agency and state officials who have been briefed on the effort. Those plans, completed in 2015, were adopted after a decade of negotiations among conservationists, sportsmen and extraction industries as well as federal, state, local and tribal authorities."

TALKING POINTS

- Secretary Zinke signed Secretarial Order 3353 to improve conservation of sage-grouse, strengthening collaboration between state and federal partners on this issue.
- It's important to take into account the state and local voices on this issue to make the best decisions.
- The Secretary is considering economic development, job creation, and energy production as part of the conservation planning.

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March 15, 2019

Via email: csaeger@westernvaluesproject.org

Chris Saeger
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704C East 13th Street, Suite 568
Whitefish, MT 59937

Dear Mr. Saeger:

On April 2, 2018, you filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request seeking the following:

“I request access to and copies of all correspondence since January 19, 2017, between all official “@ios.doi.gov” Department of Interior email addresses and all email addresses used by Secretary Ryan Zinke, excluding his official “@ios.doi.gov” Department of the Interior email. This should include, but not be limited to, all communications with the following email addresses:

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- ryanzinke@gmail.com
- ryankzinke@gmail.com
- KonradZinke@gmail.com
- Caribao@aol.com
- RagnarZinke@gmail.com

On June 19, 2018, we acknowledged your request and advised you of your fee status in accordance with the FOIA. Today, we are writing with a partial response to your request and releasing one file consisting of 832 pages. Of those 832 pages, 269 pages are being released in full and 563 pages contain redactions as described below.

Portions of the documents may be redacted pursuant to Exemption 6 of the FOIA (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6)) because they fit certain categories of information:

Email Addresses
Phone Numbers
Personal Information

Exemption 6 allows an agency to withhold “personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.” The courts have held that the phrase “similar files” involves all information that applies to a particular person. Hertzberg v. Veneman, 273 F. Supp. 2d 67, 85 n.11 (D.D.C. 2003).

To determine whether releasing requested information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, we are required to perform a “balancing test.” This means that we must weigh the individual’s right to privacy against the public’s right to disclosure.

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The information that we are withholding consists of personal information, and we have determined that the individuals to whom this information pertains have a substantial privacy interest in it. Additionally, we have determined that the disclosure of this information would shed little or no light on the performance of the agency’s statutory duties and that, on balance, the public interest to be served by its disclosure does not outweigh the privacy interest of the individuals in question, in withholding it. Nat’l Ass’n of Retired Fed. Employees v. Horner, 879 F.2d 873, 879 (D.C. Cir. 1989).

In summation, we have determined that release of the information that we have withheld would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the privacy of these individuals, and that it therefore may be withheld, pursuant to Exemption 6.

Rachel Spector, Attorney-Advisor, in the Office of the Solicitor, was consulted in reaching this decision. Clarice Julka, Office of the Secretary FOIA Officer, is responsible for making this decision.

You may also seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Public liaison, Clarice Julka, by email at os_foia@ios.doi.gov, or by phone at 202-513-0765.

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The Courts frown on fraudulent conveyance in bankruptcy.
A forensic audit essentially reopens that
bankruptcy and more..... like securities fraud with the many, many billion \$ securities fraud
known as Whoops
Washington Water Power Industrial Revenue Tax Free bonds.

Will the court cancel the releases and claw back monies taken from creditors by deception,
especially those creditors protected by ERISA ?

Is Lenny Dykstra still in prison?

On Jul 1, 2017 1:40 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. The time is Right for the Forensic Audit! On pg.3 you will see Americans had pension funds involved in the Montana Power Bankruptcy. I worked with Thousands of Union Members paying millions of dollars in pension funds over a 40yr career, what is definition of "PUBLIC INTEREST", if they have stolen the pensions from every American Citizen not to mention our Police Officers, I suppose lets make a deal will protect them.

2. Here are 15 pgs. compiled for the
1973 Montana State Constitution? Along with the Congressional Acts you will find 2 very
important Court cases?

3. I own land, a partial of case No.527 the McLeod and
family found on Pgs 201 & 205.

On Wednesday, June 28, 2017 2:02 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

this grant supports 20 grad students.
Quantify the HARM

On Jun 28, 2017 1:21 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Interesting juxtaposition - no-growther' when it comes to regulation are also prime
pushers of immigration
no-growth and immigration sends everyone to the poorhouse.

[https://www.amazon.com/Complacent-Class-Self-Defeating-Quest -
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Can the (FJBC) buy Vaseline @ COSTCO by the Semi
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[http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/06/16/judicial-watch-seeking-documents-
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For the Deep State, evidence tampering is part of their business model.

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Draining the Swamp for the first time in 100 years or more.
Didn't Clark Esq. testify on April 11th 2015 to the House Judiciary Committee that
this Compact was in fact a "regulatory taking" ?

Didn't the federal judge in my D.C. case instruct to quantify the harm done ?

This is not rocket science unless you are Daryl and Daryl from " Deliverance "
incompetent or corrupt.

What's your pleasure girls??.....stick it in.

If I get the court to order forensic audit and you lost control of his.

Get that computer back.

On Jun 14, 2017 5:26 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert Fanning right on, looks like you are going to fry their back sides, hotter than a Farriers Furnace. The Flathead District had the By Laws out yesterday and again overlooked who amended the Registered Office for the Irrigation Districts back in 1986? Just as luck will have it Senator Chas Vincent's cousin Dave Vincent married Susan Lake's sister? Dick Erb waited 3 days past the time to resign as Chairman of the Flathead District so they could do some magic on the Irrigators if you get the drift? The Irrigation Districts are having problems with Computers in the past 4 yr's hopefully the Federal Bureau of Investigation will look for evidence.

Has the FBI found the computer yet or is somebody going to prison for evidence tampering?

Let's sell squares in a pool and bet how many attorneys lose their tickets over this.

On Jun 4, 2017 5:30 PM, "Alan Mikkelsen" <alanmikk@gmail.com> wrote:

So, how's all this been working out for you?

Alan Mikkelsen

On Jun 4, 2017 7:54 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Alan do you know the difference between a certified Appropriation and a "State Claim"? The Federal Judge may need a little more information? The pages here are not matches but we have them also. Would you know which Congregation in Lake County spent the time to scan these Documents and put them on Micro? Would you have any idea if the Federal Bureau of Investigation could use these in their Investigation?

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The 4th of July bunting on the porch has been put away and the house cleaned up after the celebration with friends: what better time to reread the Magna Carta and think about American governance on this, the 800th anniversary of The Magna Carta?

In 1215 AD, King Henry III of England, a very unpopular King, met with a group of rebel barons at Runnymede, a wet-meadow on the S. Bank of the Thames River to make peace. In a matter of days they agreed to a "Great Charter" or Magna Carta that had been drafted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The King signed the document (written in Latin in iron gall ink on parchment) that was copied by monks and distributed to the barons to be read to all Englishmen at Mass and in public squares. There are but a few of these copies still in existence. Though neither side upheld the agreement and subsequent Charters (1216, 1217, 1225, & 1297) came and went with current affairs, a certain statement of the limited powers of government (as in the King being subject to the law) and the rights of "free men" (barons) began working its way through history forming the Charters of the King for the 13 Colonies in America and eventually their bold Constitution defining the United State of America.

Echoes of the barons' oath to "liberty, Church and realm" can be traced to the ringing words in the Declaration of Independence that, "When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary ... to dissolve the political bands which have connected them" and "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all

men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights”, as well as in the Preamble to the US Constitution that, “We the People of the United States, in order to... establish Justice, ... and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity do ordain and establish”.

Of the 60 or so clauses in the Charter, half concerned immediate matters for the King and barons that disappeared quickly in subsequent charters.

The first 8 clauses were protections for landowners from government abuse in everything from taxes to inheritances and the rights of widows and very young heirs. The fact that Property Rights were truly first and foremost is a reminder of the historic and enduring nature of this most basic of all rights, without which the others begin to pale and erode.

Clause 14 defined what we have come to know as “Representative Government”, i.e. a common council or Parliament or in our case a Congress; and the principle of “no taxation without representation”.

Clauses 17 through 32 are concerned with seizures, courts, prosecutions and officials like sheriffs and constables.

Clause 33 directed that all weirs (i.e. fish traps) be removed from rivers except on the sea coast. This was to make rivers more efficient travel-ways for people and commerce.

Clauses 34 through 45 speak of the rights of persons accused in courts as well as protections of merchants and the behavior and qualifications of those enforcing the law. The concept of the presumption of innocence until proven guilty was first inferred here.

Clauses 47 and 48 reclaim all forests and riverbanks as property of landowners and all “evil customs are to be abolished completely and irrevocably”. No longer could the King or anyone other than the landowner cut wood or take game on the land of another.

Clause 51 directs the removal of “all the foreign knights and their attendants”.

Clauses 52 through 59 concern how you can only be deprived of lands, castles, liberties or rights with the lawful judgment of equals”. They also guarantee these rights to Welshmen while stating that, “No one shall be arrested or imprisoned on the appeal of a woman for the death of any person except her husband.”

While the Charter was high-sounding in many regards, peasants or “villeins” remained under the jurisdiction of barons and the granting of these rights and

guarantees to “all men” was neither contemplated or in all likelihood even imaginable at this time.

So today the United States of America is governed by a Constitution that owes much to the Magna Carta.

- The 1st Amendment authorizes the right “to petition the government for redress of grievances”.
- The 4th Amendment forbids “unreasonable searches” and demands “no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause”.
- The 5th Amendment forbids being tried “twice”; being “deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law”; and that it affirms the bedrock right, “nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.”
- The 6th Amendment guarantees a “speedy and public trial by an impartial jury”.
- The 7th Amendment states, “the right of trial by jury shall be preserved”.
- The 14th Amendment forbids the States from depriving “any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor to deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

You could say the US has come a long way in 800 years. For instance, we fought a great Civil War and gave all men equal rights; we gave women equal rights; and we became the most powerful and most desirable emigration object the world has ever known. You could say that but you would be wrong.

Today, the President ignores the Constitution and many laws with impunity.

The Congress (envisioned as a common council or Parliament) is made up of career politicians of two parties, each of which enables (differing only in speed) the nation’s shift into a monolithic central government that controls all aspects of daily life at the behest of the President like the bureaucrats of ancient Kings and recent foreign dictators. The Supreme Court actually adds words to legislation to make laws fit desired political goals while “discovering” “penumbras and emanations” authorizing things never imagined or considered, much less mentioned, by the authors of the Constitution. What the Constitution described as 3 branches of government (“checks and balances”) have regressed into one Washington monolithic ruling machine more like King John than George Washington.

Governors are the closest things left in the US that could force Washington to some American Runnymede to realign the debilitating power that is eroding the nation and its citizens, but that seems unlikely. The Jerry Browns and Daniel Malloys are typical of 1/3 of their fellow Governors in that they despise the Constitution, spend money like drunken sailors, and want to be just like the President when they grow up. Another third, like the Nixons and Hickenloopers are about as likely to do anything other than angle for federal money and tickle federal backs as a duck is to attack a fox. The last third, the Walkers and Pences are the fighters with Magna Carta/Constitution values

and the ones that give us hope. If not any of these, can a Dr. Carson or Donald Trump offer hope? I know not.

Can we resolve?

- Federal politicians that take an oath to uphold the Constitution and then work to destroy the Bill of Rights unilaterally outside prescribed processes?
- A Supreme Court that is no more “blind” like that statue with the scale than Chicago politicians dividing up a budget?
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- Enormous spending and debt?
- Spending distortions and program anomalies like welfare increases at the expense of Defense capabilities in an increasingly dangerous world?
- Private property being steadily swallowed up by a government that already owns or controls over half the nation?
- Scandals like Fast and Furious and destruction of records by bureaucracies and politicians that go unpunished?

Can we resolve these things and somehow restore what we have lost during the last century and are losing today at an accelerating pace?

Remembering the Magna Carta and fairly judging US governance today, 800 years later, leads to only one conclusion. Where did we go wrong? How did this happen? How can we get back on the road to good governance that we once had and let slip away? Is it even possible, short of a rebellion like the ones that birthed the Magna Carta and the US Constitution?

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Echoes of the barons’ oath to “liberty, Church and realm” can be traced to the ringing words in the Declaration of Independence that, “When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary ... to dissolve the political bands which have connected them” and “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights”, as well as in the Preamble to the US Constitution that, “We the People of the United States, in order to... establish Justice, ... and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity do ordain and establish”.

Of the 60 or so clauses in the Charter, half concerned immediate matters for the King and barons that disappeared quickly in subsequent charters.

The first 8 clauses were protections for landowners from government abuse in everything from taxes to inheritances and the rights of widows and very young heirs. The fact that Property Rights were truly first and foremost is a reminder of the historic and enduring nature of this most basic of all rights, without which the others begin to pale and erode.

Clause 14 defined what we have come to know as “Representative Government”, i.e. a common council or Parliament or in our case a Congress; and the principle of “no taxation without representation”.

Clauses 17 through 32 are concerned with seizures, courts, prosecutions and officials like sheriffs and constables.

Clause 33 directed that all weirs (i.e. fish traps) be removed from rivers except on the sea coast. This was to make rivers more efficient travel-ways for people and commerce.

Clauses 34 through 45 speak of the rights of persons accused in courts as well as protections of merchants and the behavior and qualifications of those enforcing the law. The concept of the presumption of innocence until proven guilty was first inferred here.

Clauses 47 and 48 reclaim all forests and riverbanks as property of landowners and all “evil customs are to be abolished completely and irrevocably”. No longer could the King or anyone other than the landowner cut wood or take game on the land of another.

Clause 51 directs the removal of “all the foreign knights and their attendants”.

Clauses 52 through 59 concern how you can only be deprived of lands, castles, liberties or rights with the lawful judgment of equals”. They also guarantee these rights to Welshmen while stating that, “No one shall be arrested or imprisoned on the appeal of a woman for the death of any person except her husband.”

While the Charter was high-sounding in many regards, peasants or “villeins” remained under the jurisdiction of barons and the granting of these rights and guarantees to “all men” was neither contemplated or in all likelihood even imaginable at this time.

So today the United States of America is governed by a Constitution that owes much to the Magna Carta.

- The 1st Amendment authorizes the right “to petition the government for redress of grievances”.
- The 4th Amendment forbids “unreasonable searches” and demands “no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause”.
- The 5th Amendment forbids being tried “twice”; being “deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law”; and that it affirms the bedrock right, “nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.”
- The 6th Amendment guarantees a “speedy and public trial by an impartial jury”.
- The 7th Amendment states, “the right of trial by jury shall be preserved”.
- The 14th Amendment forbids the States from depriving “any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor to deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

You could say the US has come a long way in 800 years. For instance, we fought a great Civil War and gave all men equal rights; we gave women equal rights; and we became the most powerful and most desirable emigration object the world has ever known. You could say that but you would be wrong.

Today, the President ignores the Constitution and many laws with impunity.

The Congress (envisioned as a common council or Parliament) is made up of career politicians of two parties, each of which enables (differing only in speed) the nation's shift into a monolithic central government that controls all aspects of daily life at the behest of the President like the bureaucrats of ancient Kings and recent foreign dictators. The Supreme Court actually adds words to legislation to make laws fit desired political goals while "discovering" "penumbras and emanations" authorizing things never imagined or considered, much less mentioned, by the authors of the Constitution. What the Constitution described as 3 branches of government ("checks and balances") have regressed into one Washington monolithic ruling machine more like King John than George Washington.

Governors are the closest things left in the US that could force Washington to some American Runnymede to realign the debilitating power that is eroding the nation and its citizens, but that seems unlikely. The Jerry Browns and Daniel Malloys are typical of 1/3 of their fellow Governors in that they despise the Constitution, spend money like drunken sailors, and want to be just like the President when they grow up. Another third, like the Nixons and Hickenloopers are about as likely to do anything other than angle for federal money and tickle federal backs as a duck is to attack a fox. The last third, the Walkers and Pences are the fighters with Magna Carta/Constitution values and the ones that give us hope. If not any of these, can a Dr. Carson or Donald Trump offer hope? I know not.

Can we resolve?

- Federal politicians that take an oath to uphold the Constitution and then work to destroy the Bill of Rights unilaterally outside prescribed processes?
- A Supreme Court that is no more "blind" like that statue with the scale than Chicago politicians dividing up a budget?
- Rogue agencies like EPA claiming jurisdiction over all waters of the US, barring the use of coal for power, closing the last lead smelter in the nation; a Forest Service that gobbles up more and more land to be closed down and left unmanaged; a US Fish and Wildlife Service that takes land not for a public use without compensation and has reinstituted the claims of King John and his predecessors over game and forests; and an IRS and DOJ that work to destroy political opponents of the President?
- Laws granting race and sex preferences to government-designated groups much like King John had for Normans, Saxons, Welchmen, etc.
- Enormous spending and debt?
- Spending distortions and program anomalies like welfare increases at the expense of Defense capabilities in an increasingly dangerous world?
- Private property being steadily swallowed up by a government that already owns or controls over half the nation?
- Scandals like Fast and Furious and destruction of records by bureaucracies and politicians that go unpunished?

Can we resolve these things and somehow restore what we have lost during the last century and are losing today at an accelerating pace?

Remembering the Magna Carta and fairly judging US governance today, 800 years later, leads to only one conclusion. Where did we go wrong? How did this happen? How can we get back on the road to good governance that we once had and let slip away? Is it even possible, short of a rebellion like the ones that birthed the Magna Carta and the US Constitution?

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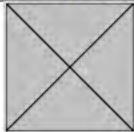
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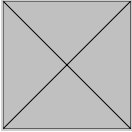
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Customer reply

it has been discharged



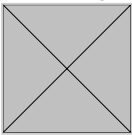
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If the Bankruptcy case has been discharged, the automatic stay is no longer in affect. *Bankruptcy Stat. 362(c)(2)*.

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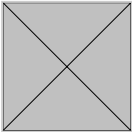
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short answer, yes after discharge, a creditor filed a lawsuit against the debtor to collect the amount owed. the creditor a credit union had received notification of the bankruptcy



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This is a violation of the Bankruptcy Code (not a violation of the automatic stay, which is no longer in affect). There is no Statute of Limitations for filing a complaint based on the fact that a creditor is violating the Bankruptcy Code. Such a complaint can be filed *at any time*.

I think this is what you wanted to know. If not, please let me know.

Thank you.

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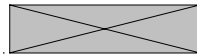
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1. Robert it appears you may need to start interviewing? I will be listening to the Connecting the Dots this am. Here are some Dots for the Secretary of Interior he may have hired **one** to many!
2. Rocky Mountain Power had a dissolution? I may have had one myself a time or two? Sorry, how could those papers be lost or **removed**?

3. In the lawsuit US v McIntire Pg.3 1st paragraph explains why someone changed the name of the **Project**.

4. 1932 Project History by C.J.Moody (Secretary of Interior) appropriated the waters June 27th 1912.

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The Flathead and Lake County commissioners review what I say with all my e-mail with their county attorney's.

I'm going to win Testers seat

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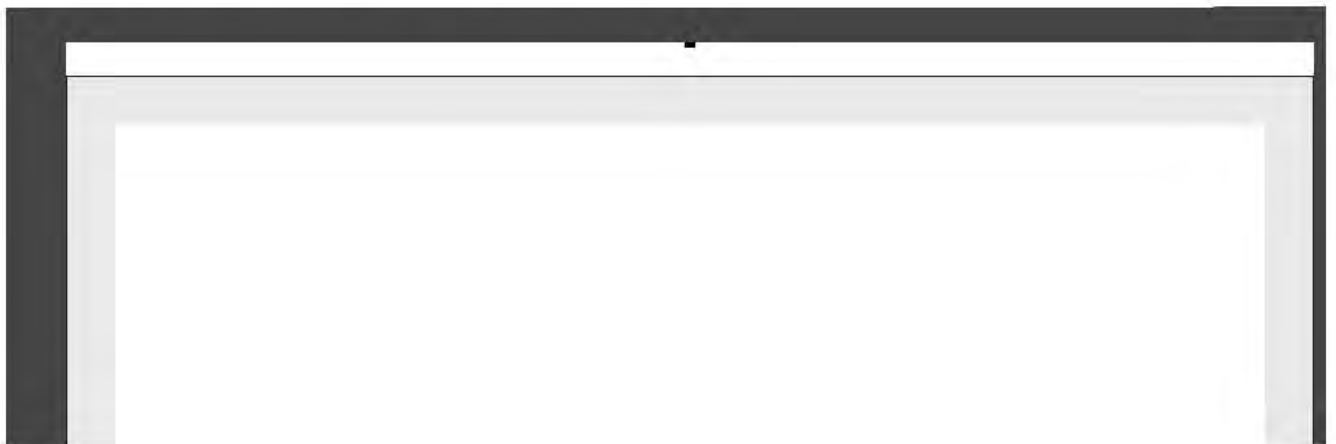
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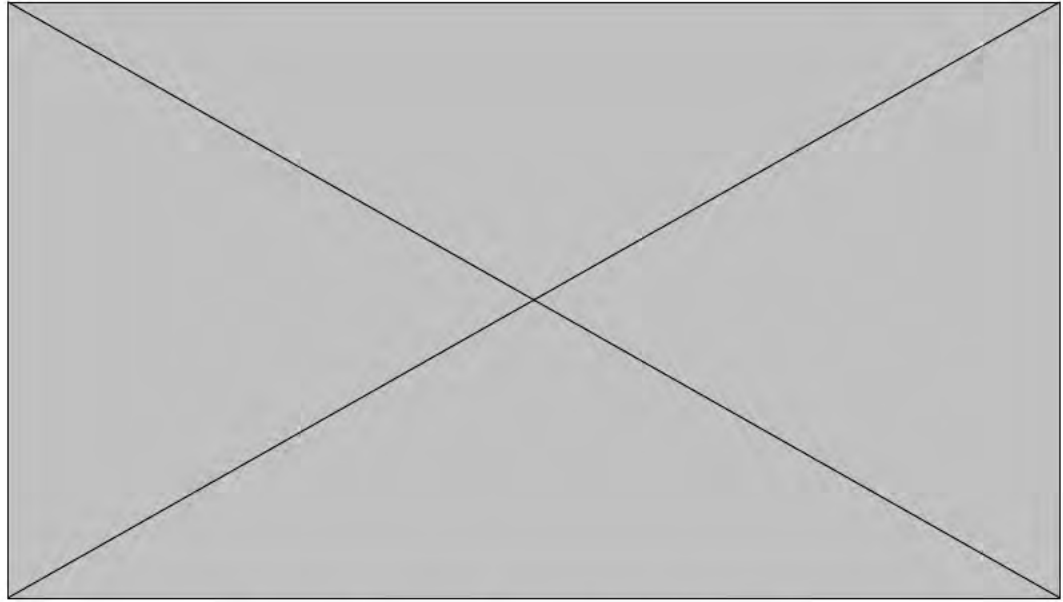
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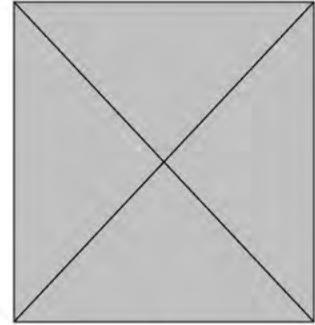
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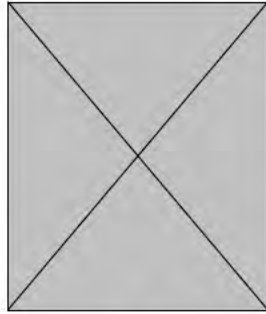


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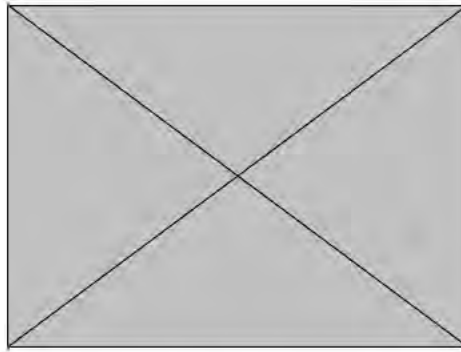
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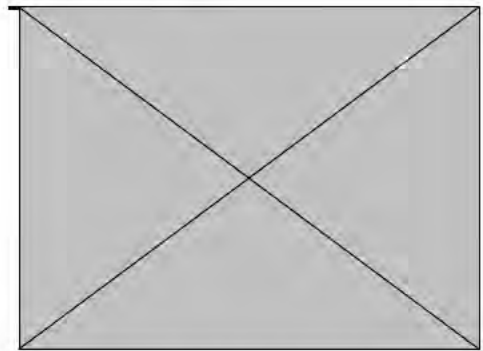
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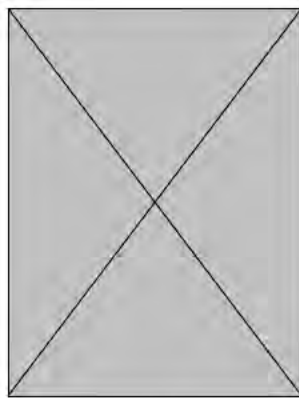
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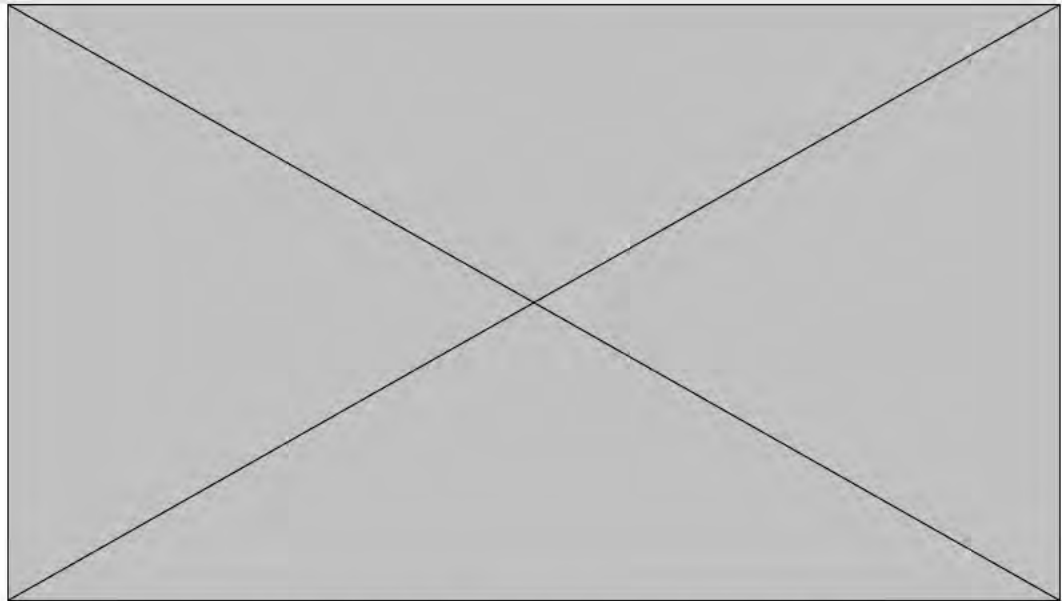
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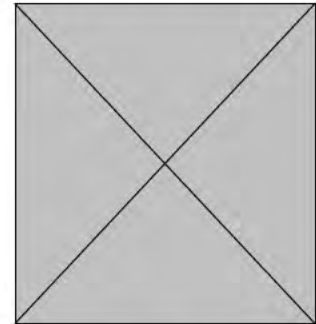
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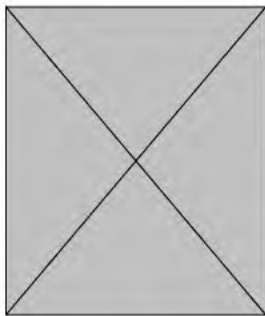
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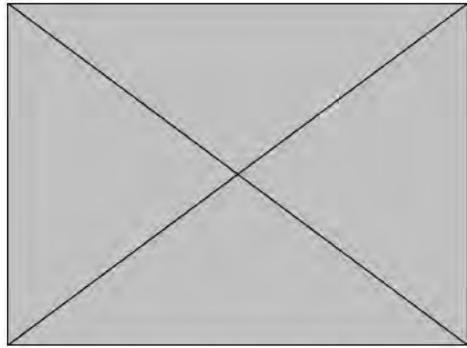
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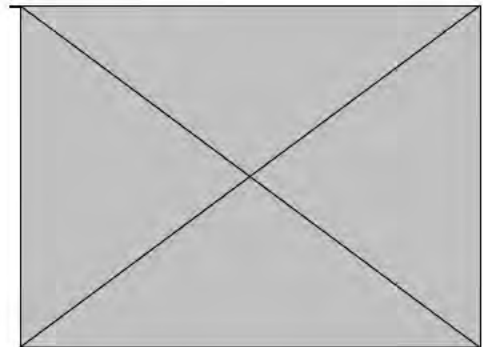
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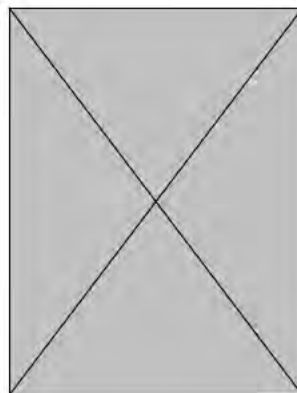
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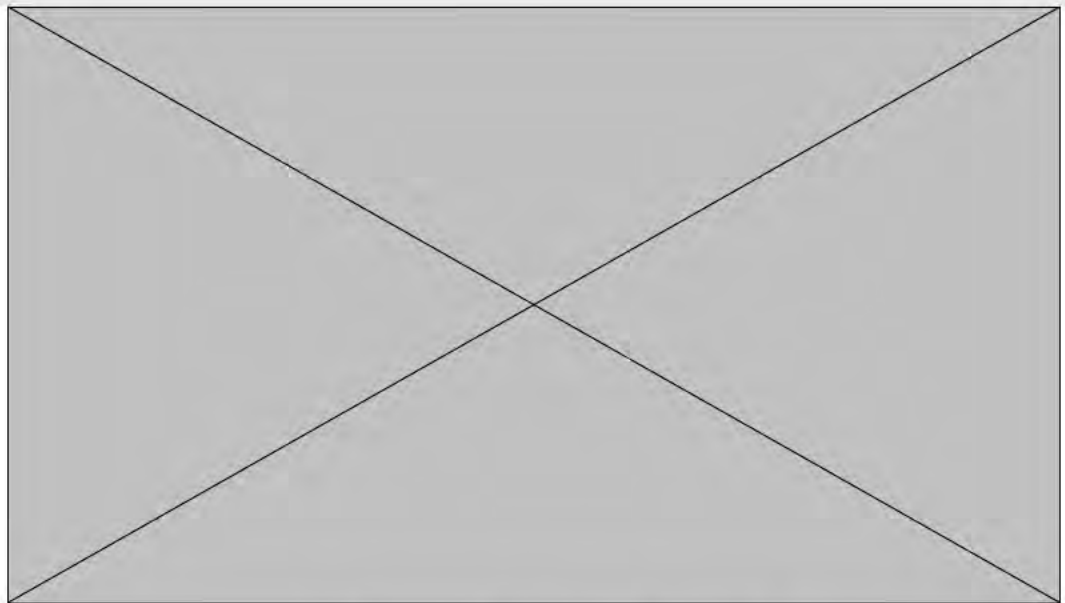
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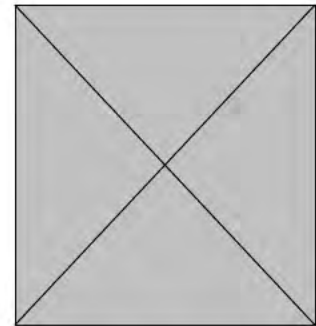
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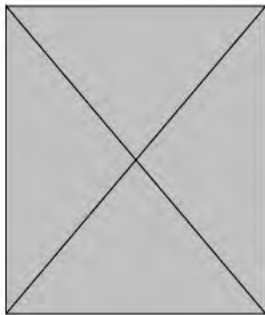
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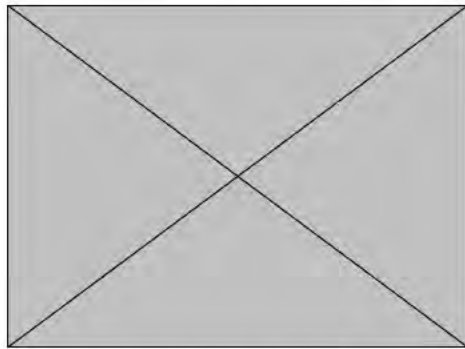
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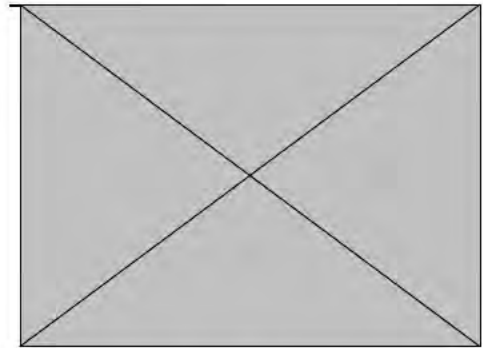
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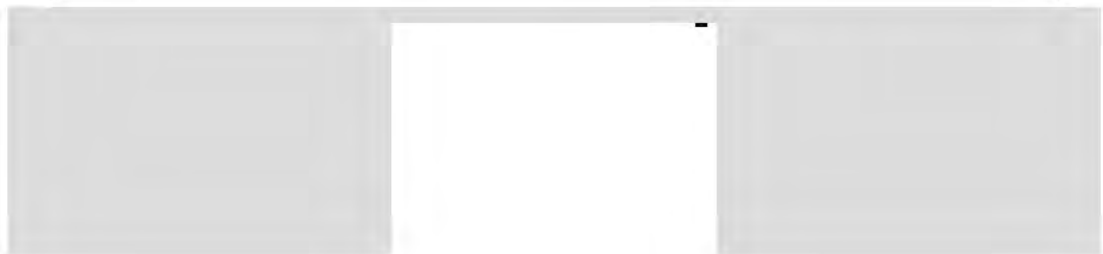
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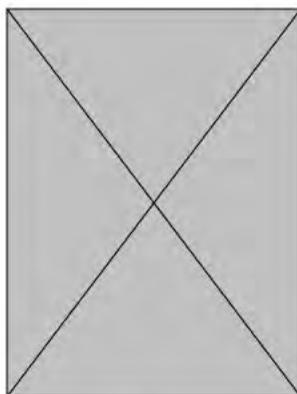


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Who gave Tester \$170 bucks a pop to buy votes ?
Talk about a forensic audit, geesh.

Drain the swamp

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BIG SANDY wheat rancher must be loading train loads, or the lobbyists for the Railroads are involved also? We can't forget the Rociot involvement also.

On Friday, July 14, 2017 10:07 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

PRIVATE PROPERTY is the conversation driver for 2017---2018
Tester is paying \$170. A head for his listening sessions all over the state.
Sign up and tell him to take his filthy paws off our water, electricity,
Alan's, timber and minerals and go back to the Senate Banking committee and tell
Golman Sachs and the Banksters to do the same thing.

"No. YOU CAN'T STEAL AN ENTIRE ASSET CLASS. "

Fraud in the financial system brought us to this point.
Is your pension safe and performing ok?

The federal reserve is unwinding their balance sheet; is Main Street America going to be ok ?

Put me in the U.S Senate in order to defend the Forgotten Man and private property against the Deep State and help advance President Trumps agenda .

<http://www.republicoftheunited states.org/connecting-the- dots-upcoming-money-influence- power-and-control/>

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1. Robert it appears you may need to start interviewing? I will be listening to the Connecting the Dots this am. Here are some Dots for the Secretary of Interior he may have hired **one** to many!
2. Rocky Mountain Power had a dissolution? I may have had one myself a time or two? Sorry, how could those papers be lost or **removed**?
3. In the lawsuit US v McIntire Pg.3 1st paragraph explains why someone changed the name of the **Project**.

4. 1932 Project History by C.J.Moody

(Secretary of Interior) appropriated the waters June 27th 1912.

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Today I raised the stakes exponentially in the CKST compact 5th Amendment takings clause.

The Flathead and Lake County commissioners review what I say with all my e-mail with their county attorney's.

I'm going to win Testers seat

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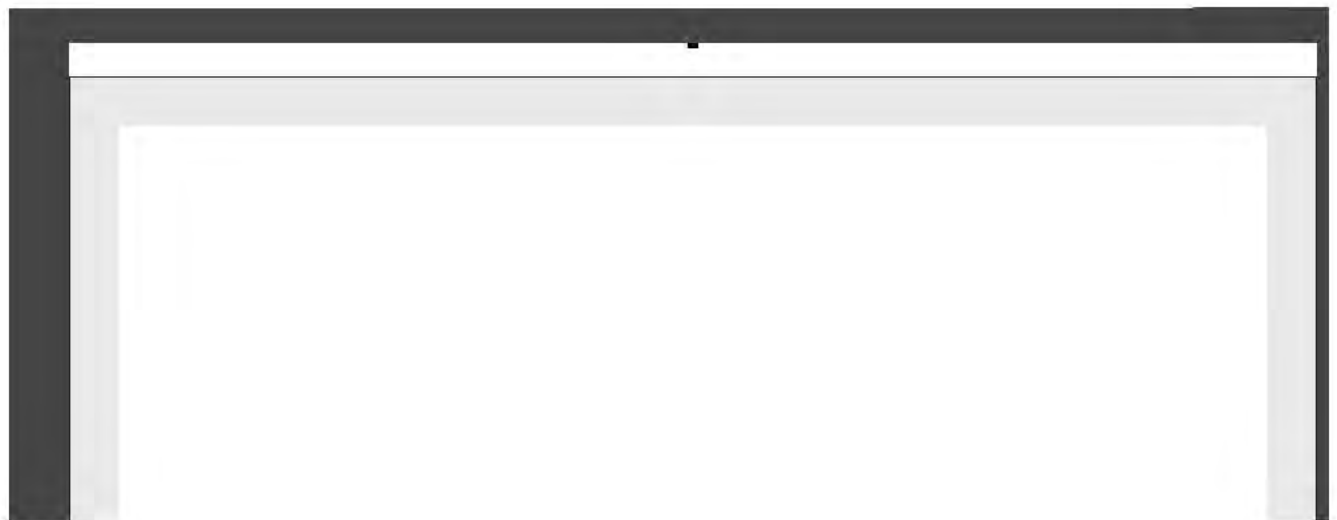
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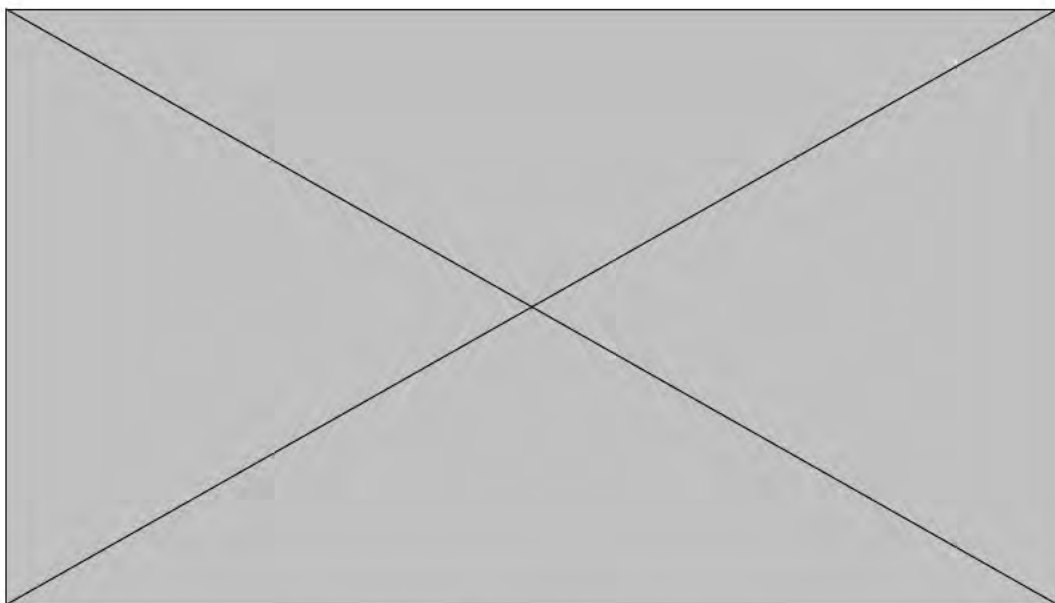
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Thanks for listening,

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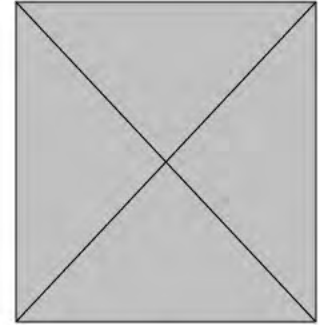
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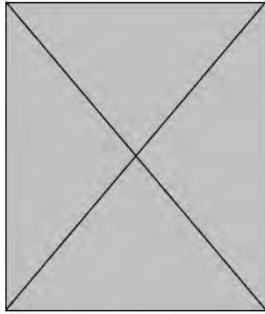


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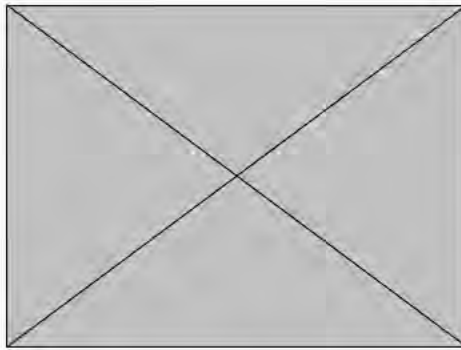
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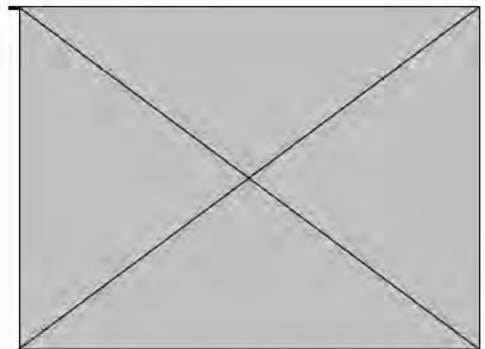
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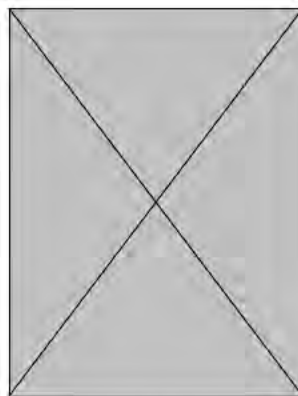
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Sue everyone and let the innocent prove themselves out.

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This is the stuff of a book and feature film.

I wonder how many people on this list will play themselves or be unavailable to do that because their in prison?

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<http://www.zerohedge.com/news/2017-07-14/%E2%80%9Cfinancial-crisis%E2%80%9D-coming-end-2018-prepare-urgently>

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By then the Fed's knew that we were serious as a heart attack.

<http://www.salon.com/2017/07/18/karen-budd-falen-the-bundy-familys-lawyer-may-be-trumps-pick-to-manage-federal-lands/>

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Their paper assets have failed.

" Full Faith and Credit" was turned into a fiat Ponzi scheme.

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I hope to screen "Enron. The Smartest Guys in the Room " in Kalispell soon and conduct a public question and answer session with the people of Flathead and Lake County and their commissioners and their lawyers.

You are in the jaws of a macro trade.

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I will destroy him in the debates, and you will get 5th Amendment restitution, appropriated in Congress or at the U.S. Court of claims all the way back to 1915.

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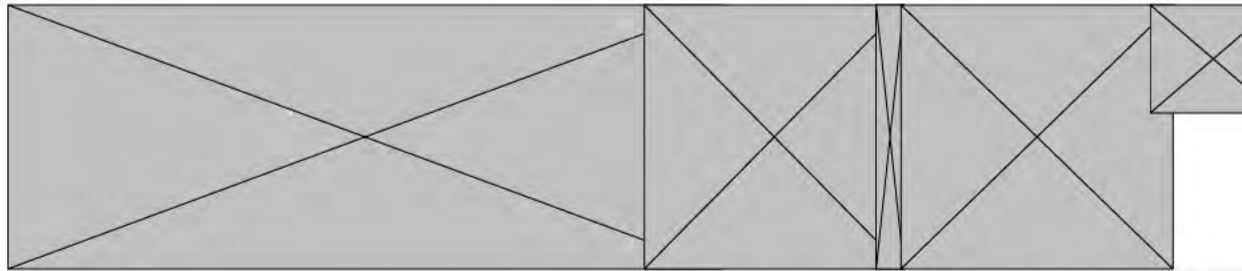
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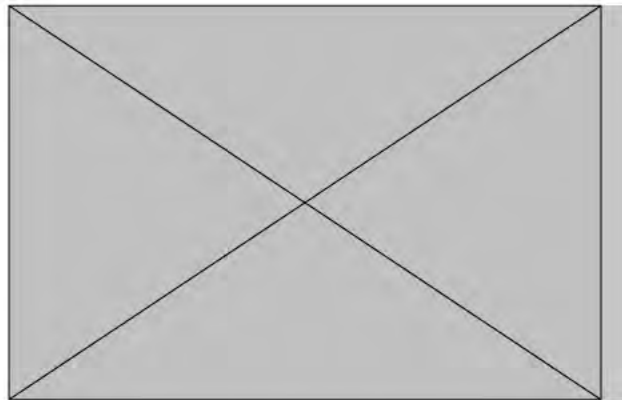
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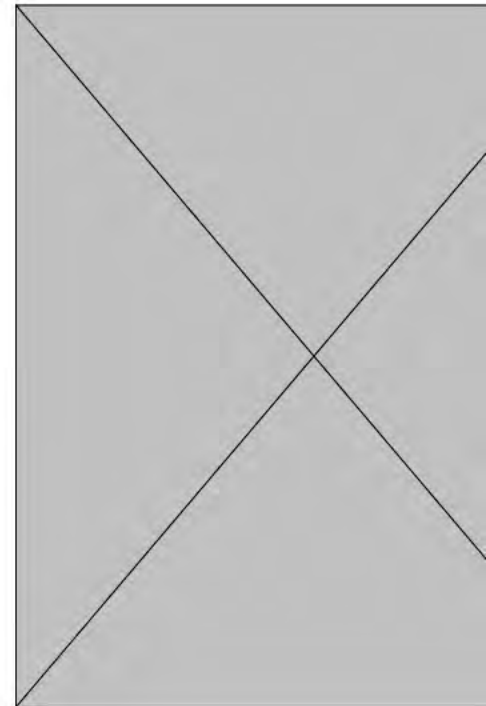


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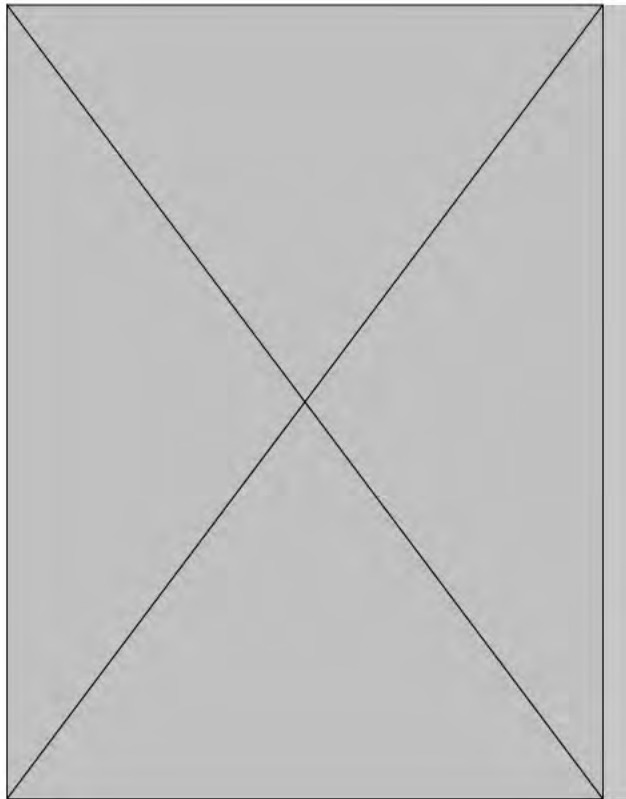
Trump Threatens Channel Island Sanctuary

Included on the sizeable list of national monuments and marine sanctuaries that President Trump wants reviewed is the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, right here in our backyard. The Sanctuary is one of just 14 federally designated Marine Sanctuaries in the US. We need your voice by June 26th, requesting the Trump Administration keeps the current sanctuary boundaries and use restrictions in place for CA's four sanctuaries, protecting against oil and gas development for the benefit of all Californians and the nation as a whole. Ventura County Supervisor, Steve Bennett, is requesting the Board send a letter of their own. Show your support by emailing your supervisor.



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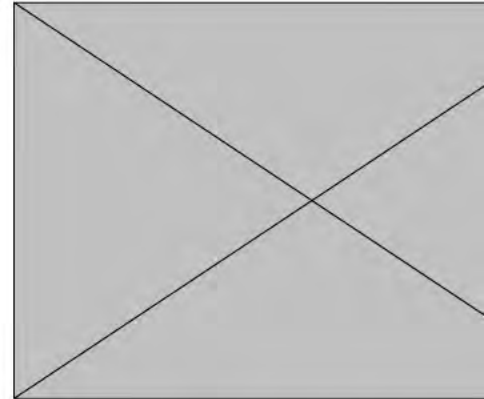
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EDC Honored as Nonprofit of the Year

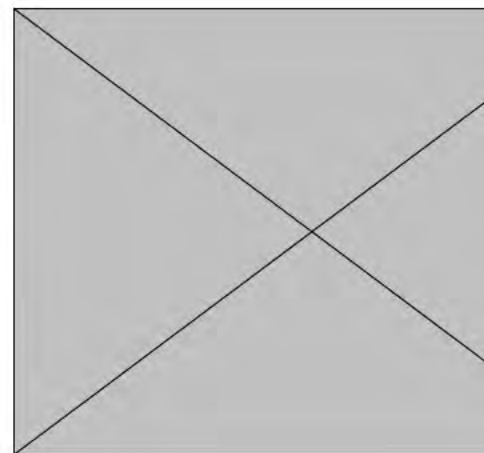
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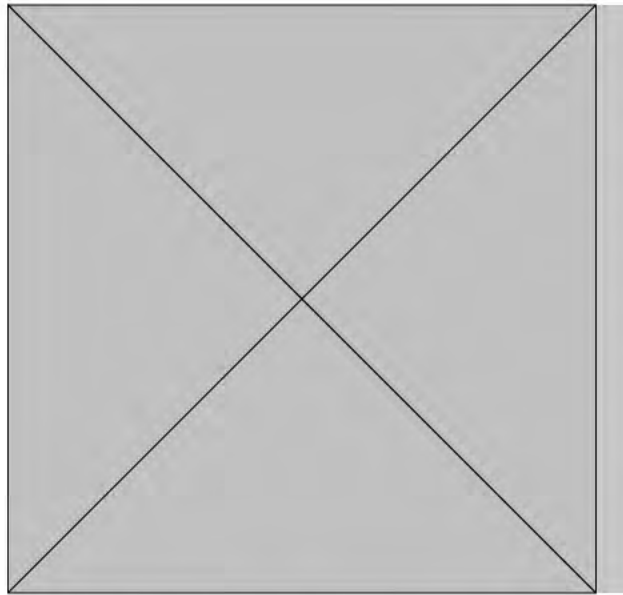
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EDC Blog Series: Endangered Species

As we continue celebrating our 40th anniversary through our [monthly blog series](#), we take a look at the critical work EDC has done to protect some of our most endangered species with which we share this land. EDC's Watershed Program Director, Brian Trautman, shares through the story of the endangered [southern steelhead trout](#) that lives in the Pacific Ocean and coastal streams from the Santa Maria River to San Luis Obispo. Hislop, Marine Conservation Program Director, discusses EDC's leadership role in developing an innovative program to slow down cargo ships to [reduce fatal ship strikes while reducing air pollution](#). Please take a minute to read these blogs.





City Council Resolution Against Oil & Gas Development

Please join EDC and our partners on Tuesday to support the Santa Barbara City Council resolution for a ban on new drilling and fracking in federal waters off the California Coast. These dangerous practices threaten our marine ecosystems and our coastal communities. As the Trump administration evaluates our national marine sanctuaries for it is critical that we take action at the local level to protect our unique environment and community health. We'll see you next Tuesday!

EDC at Jack Johnson Concert

Many thanks to Jack Johnson and All At Once - his social action network that connects nonprofits with people who want to become active in their local community - for inviting EDC to join them this past Tuesday at the sold out concert at the Santa Barbara Bowl. The Village Green was a buzz with concert-goers stopping by our booth to take action to help stop new oil drilling off our coast and write their state representatives in support of Senate Bill 188. What a motivating night of community action and a great performance by one of our favorite local musicians.

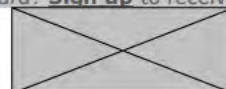


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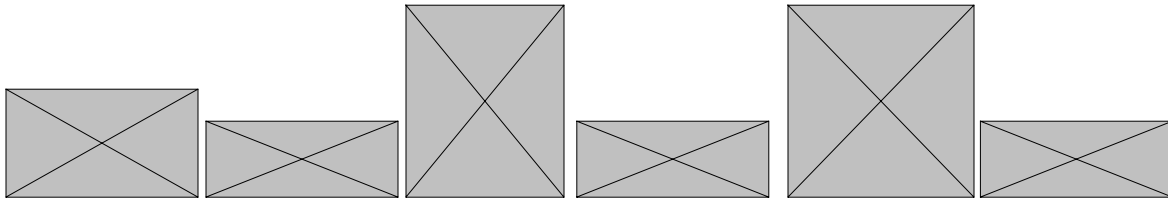
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At yesterday's FID meeting I reported that the US Senate passed a bill (Drift Act) that would shift some funds from the US Bur of Rec to the BIA Safety of Dams program. Senator McCain was one of the authors of the bill. That bill will go to the US House of Rep.

This bill recognizes that the BIA Safety of Dams program is significantly underfunded given the large number of dams covered by the BIA program (131). I do not think the bill has anything to do with the two (early 1940s) court orders you mention.

Let me add that the BIA Safety of Dams program on this reservation is managed by the CSKT. Over the last decade this CSKT program has been able to maintain and rehabilitate dams (15) on this irrigation project with no cost to irrigators. The current major rehabilitation project is Crow Dam.

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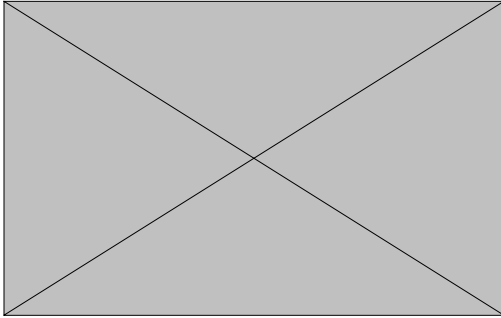
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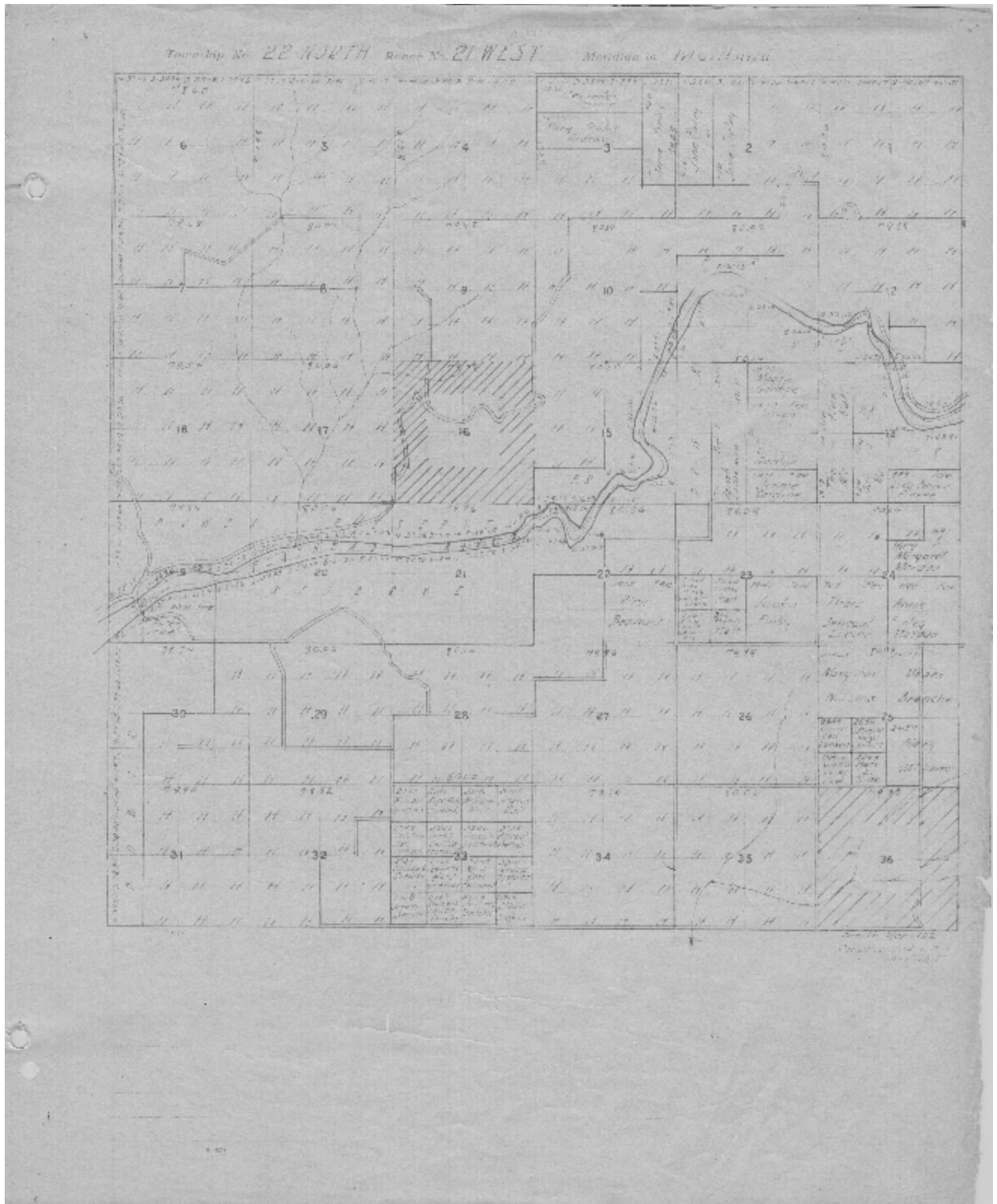
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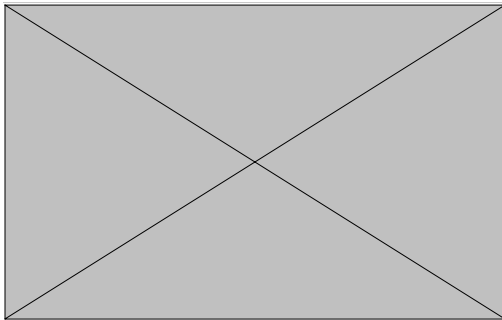
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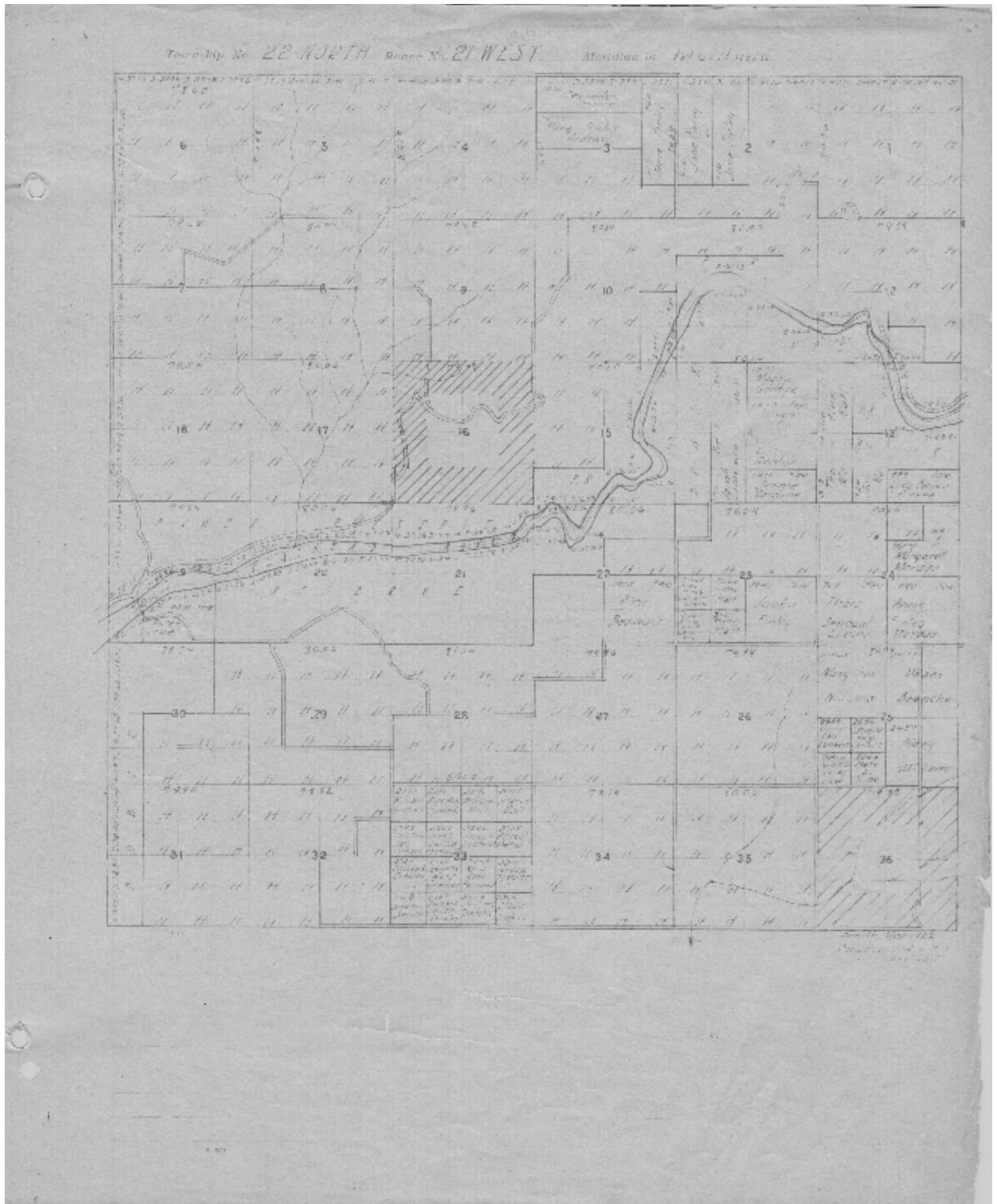
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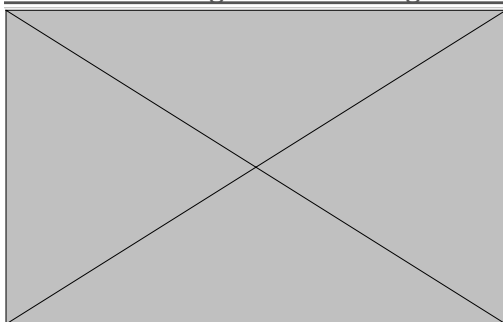
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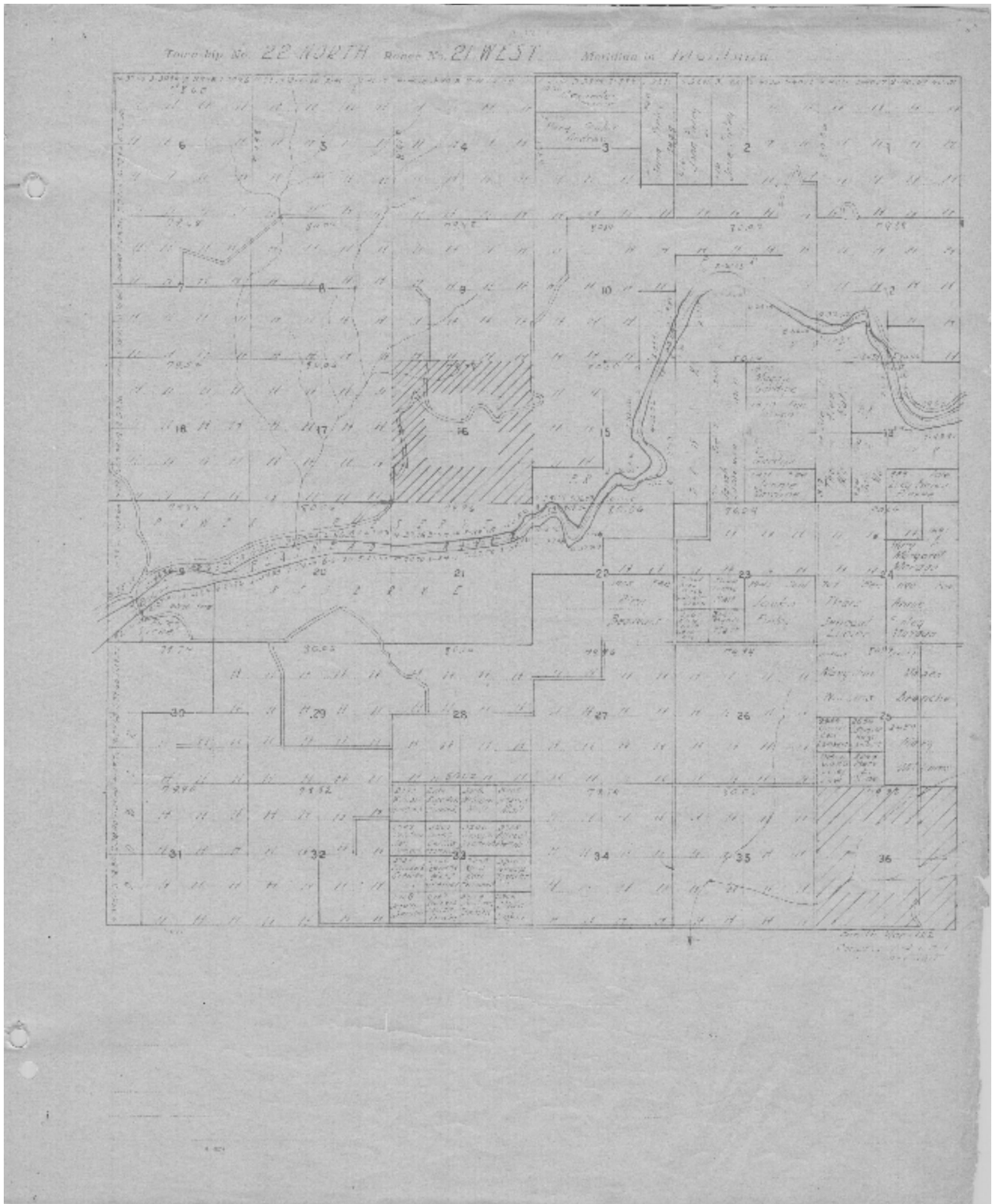
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The Peter Principle having its finest hour....

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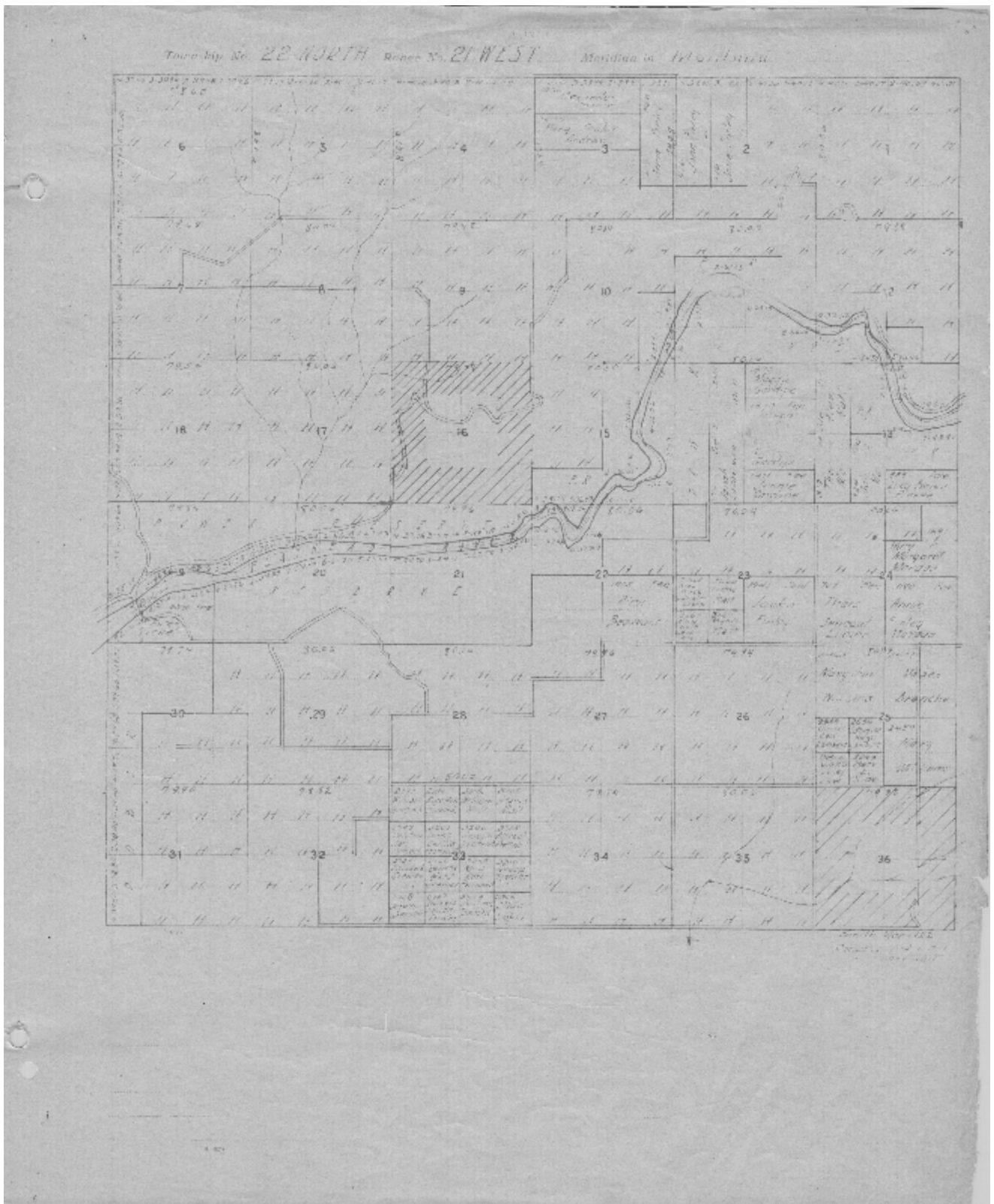
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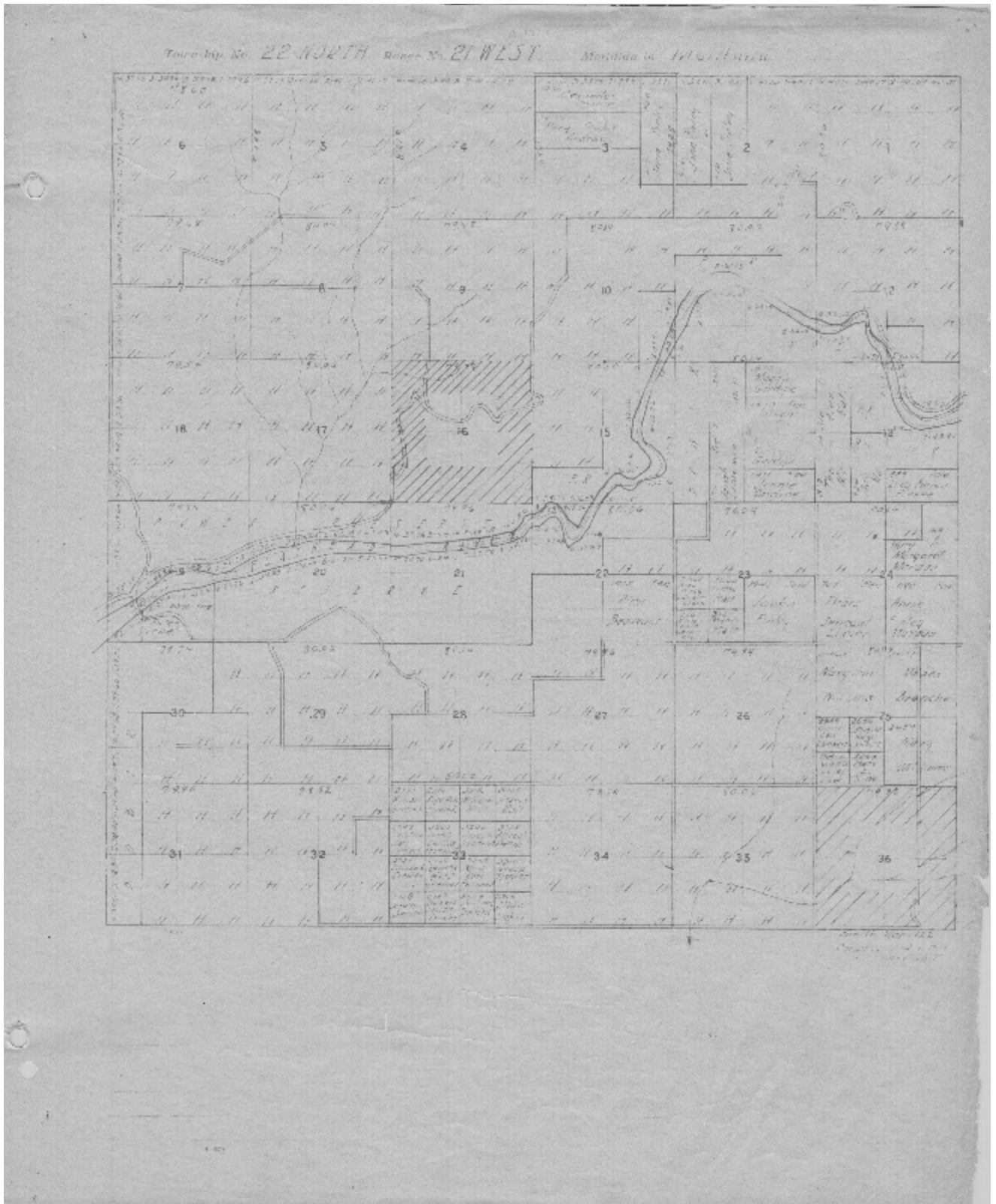
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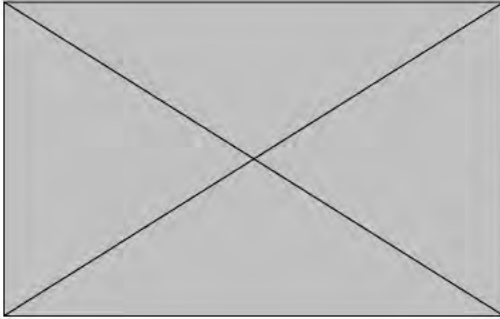
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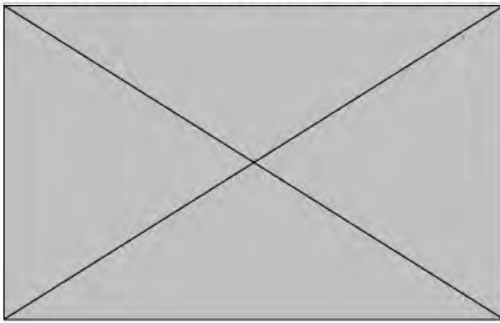
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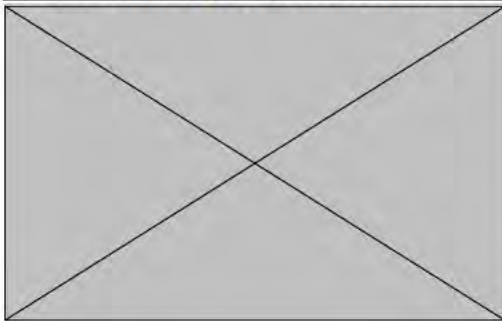
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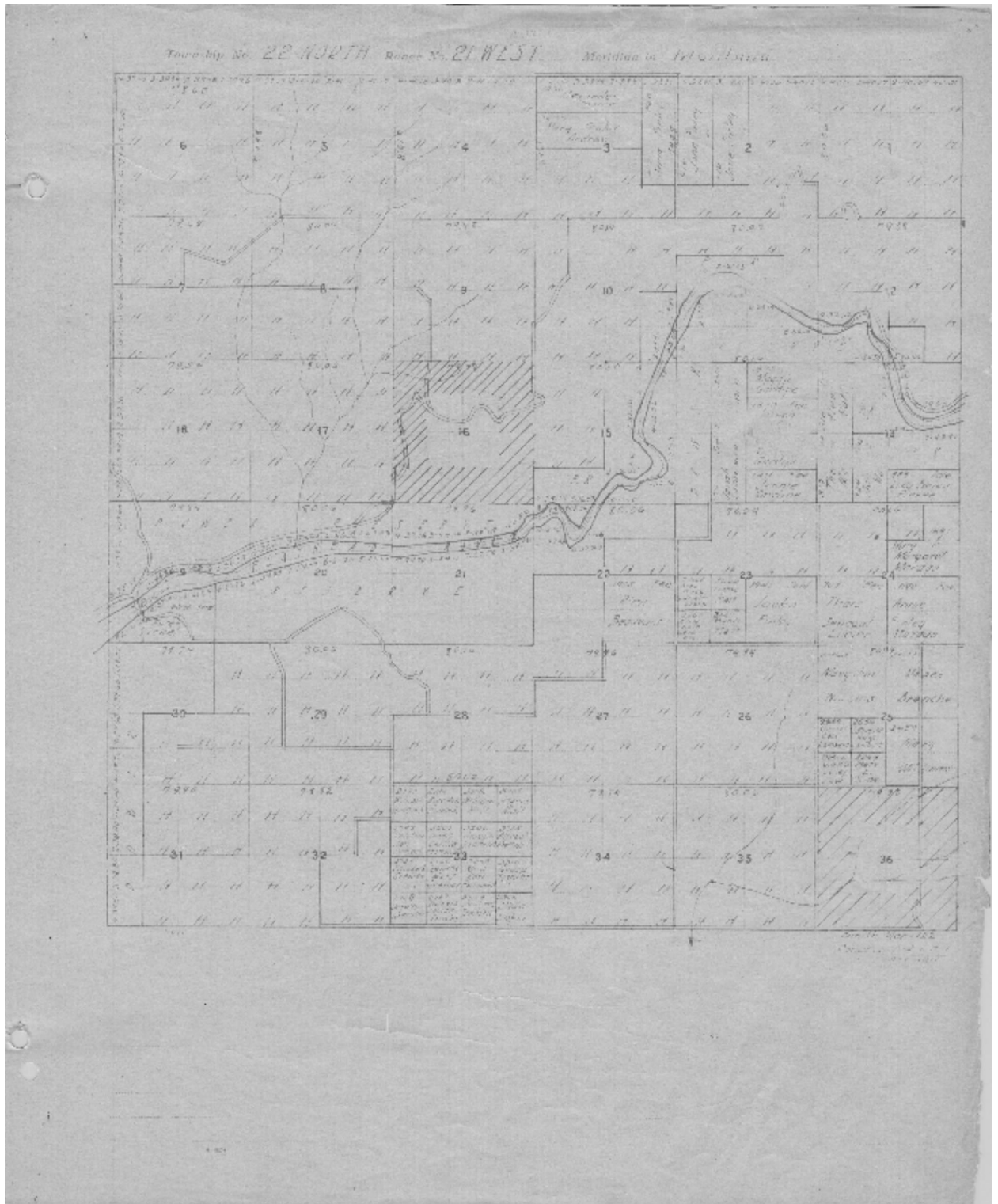
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Then elect me to the U.S Senate in order to insure that those who have been harmed, both individual and government entities are paid.

I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders ".

You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

P.S.

For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

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Yo, Steve

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Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

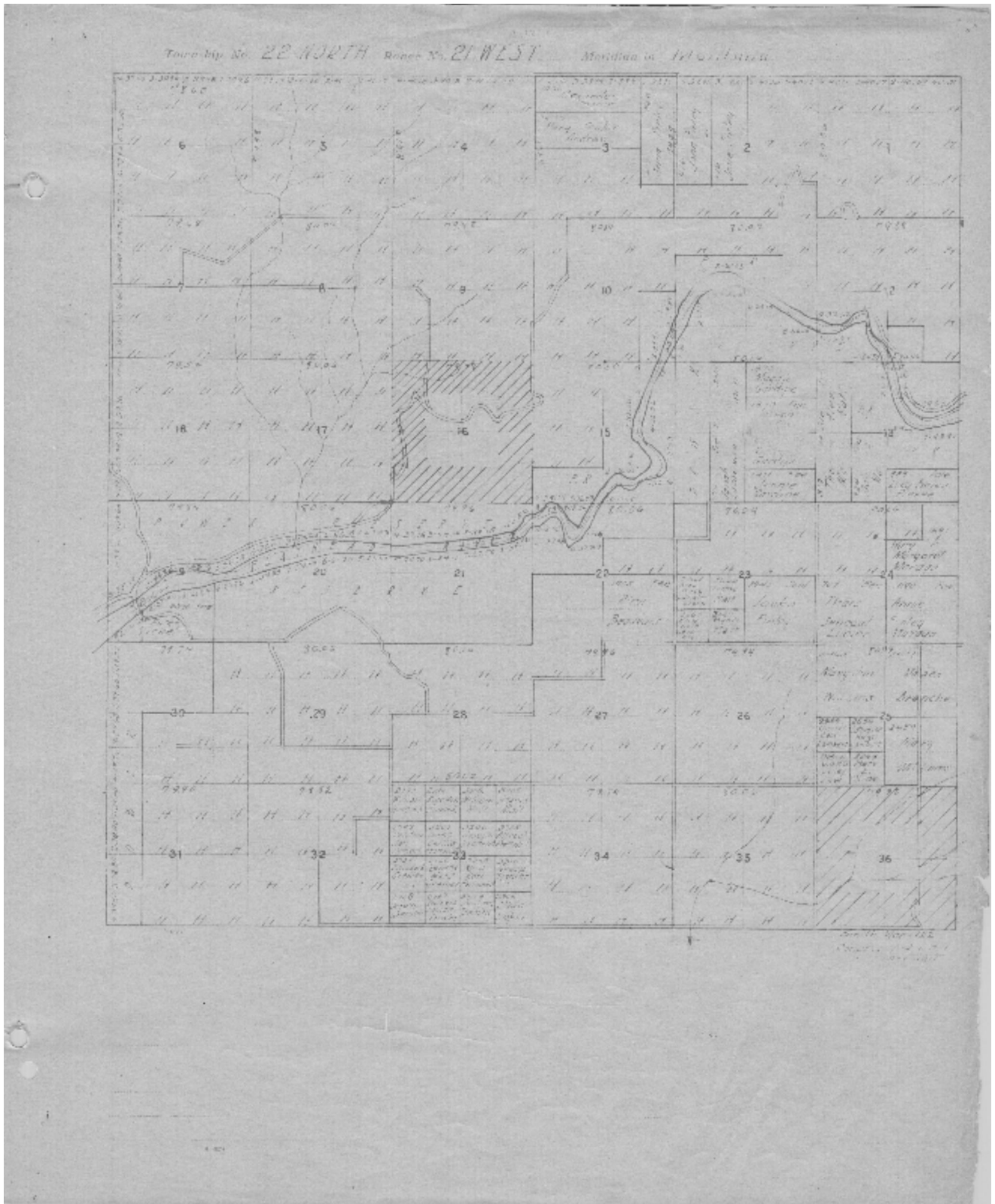
You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive ,
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(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

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On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

I will be out of the office and on travel status from June 3 through June 10, working in our Mid-Pacific Region. I will try to return calls and emails when I have the appropriate facilities to do so. If you have an immediate concern that needs attention, please contact Grayford Payne or Dan Durbray in the Commissioner's Office.

Robert you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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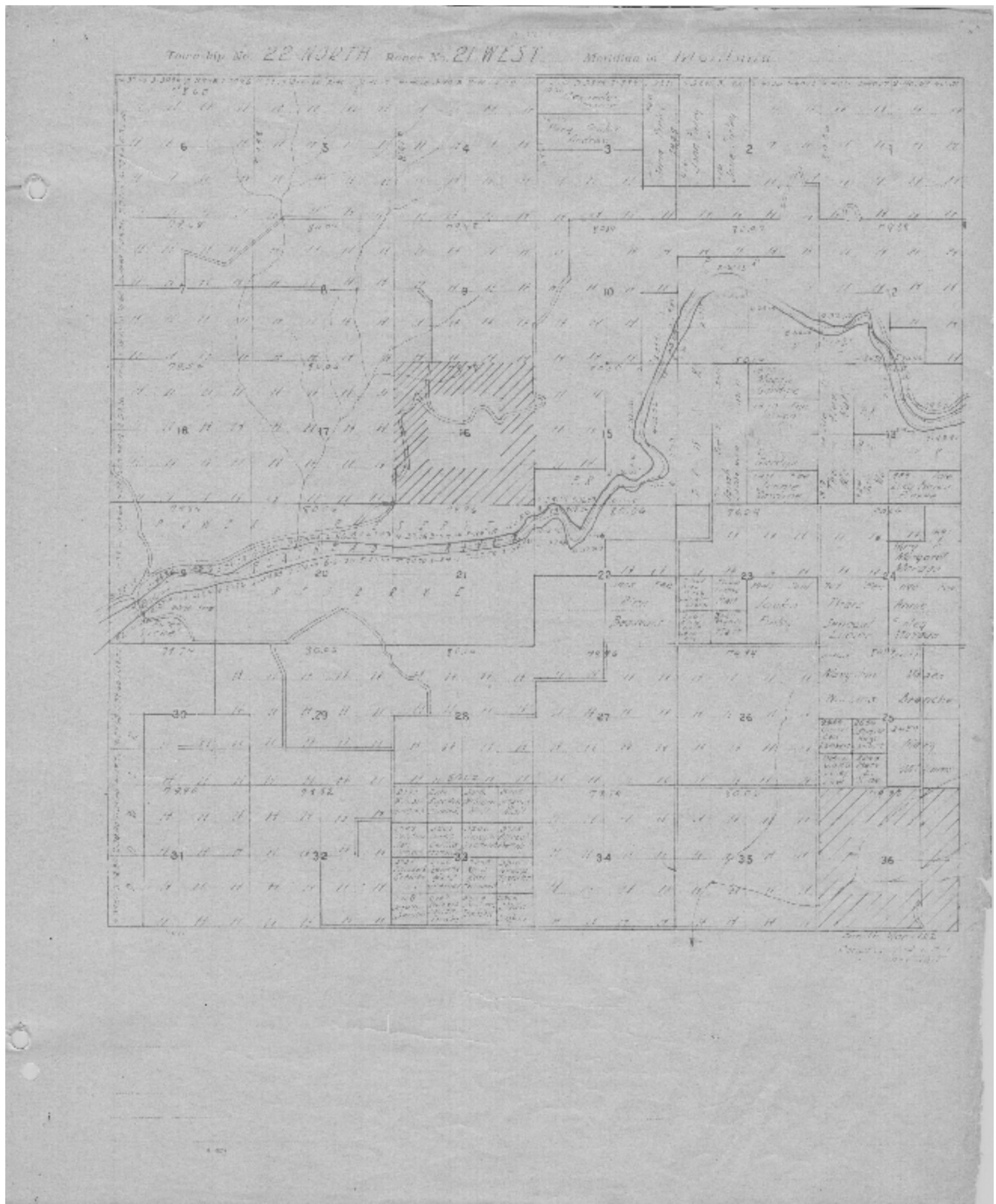
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2. For your information the Funds were donated to Montana State University for the Forensic Audit by the Koch Brothers as explained by Mike Horn. I am positive Robert Fanning would be happy to send you the information again.
3. You may want to take another look at the (FERC) document Robert Fanning, Gene Erb and others hired Lawrence Kogan to represent private property owners in the West. Have you kept up on that Proceeding and made sure the Judges have their needed information? You have a Fiduciary Responsibility.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 1:58 PM, Janette Rosman <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

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- This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???
4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

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In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

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If they'll steal your water,electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

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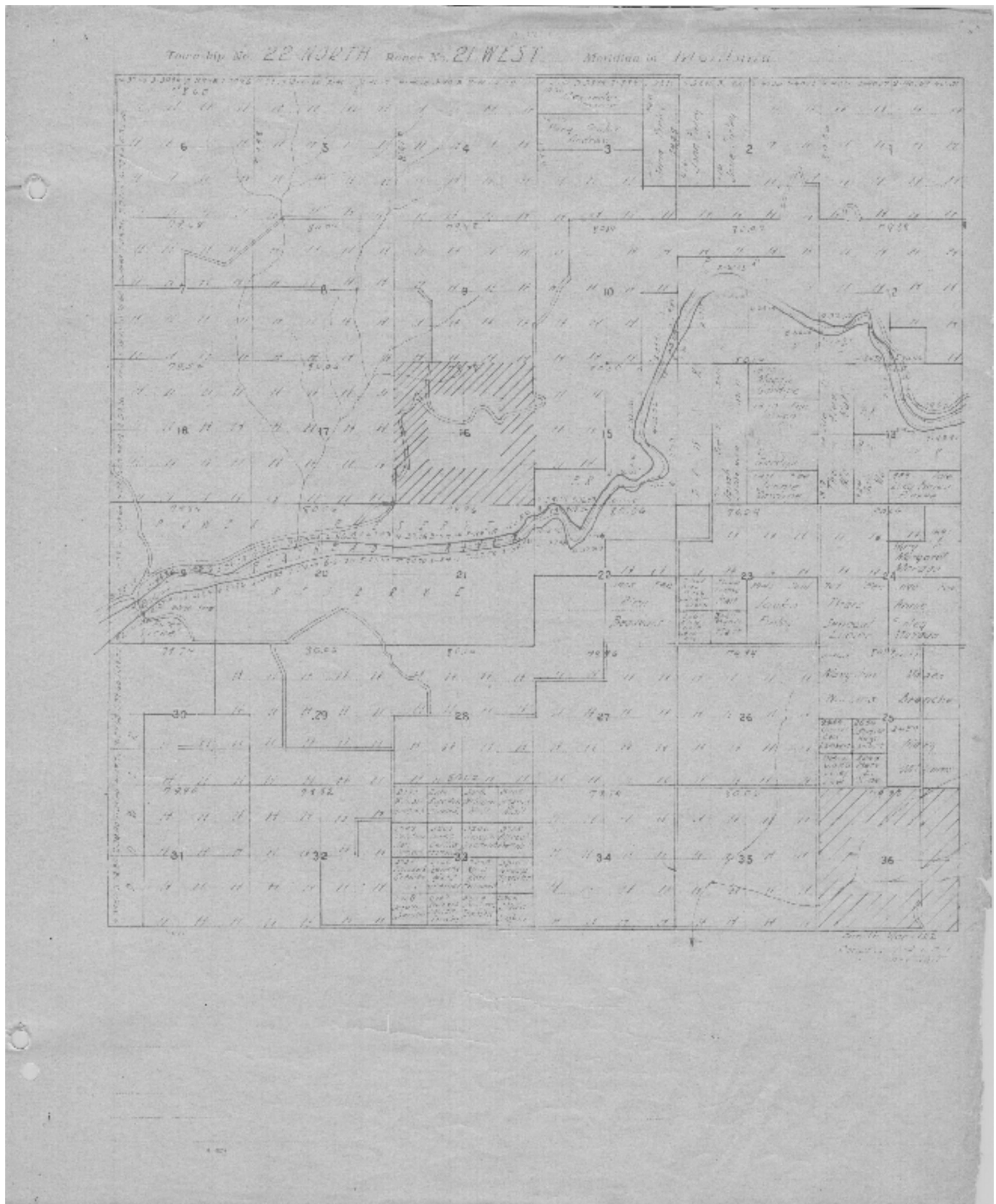
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I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders ".

You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

P.S.

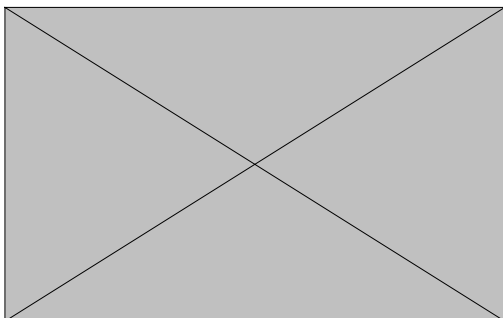
For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted, in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

<http://freerangereport.com/index.php/2017/06/25/scotus-rules-landowners-have-no-recourse-when-government-regs-undermine-property-values/>



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On Monday, June 19, 2017 3:22 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Yo, Steve

GIVE THE FJB a written legal opinion as to WHY a forensic audit

(study)cannot be ordered by the court.

Who is getting \$ 15 grand a month and where is his written legal opinion on firm letter head ?

I did.

Senator Conrad Burns gave this to the Secy of Interior Norton and it has had a couple million reads.

See if you can't write as well as I did in 2002.

Then think about being a " can do guy " instead of a " can don't guy .

Particularly when a D.C fudge ordered that the "harm" be quantified.

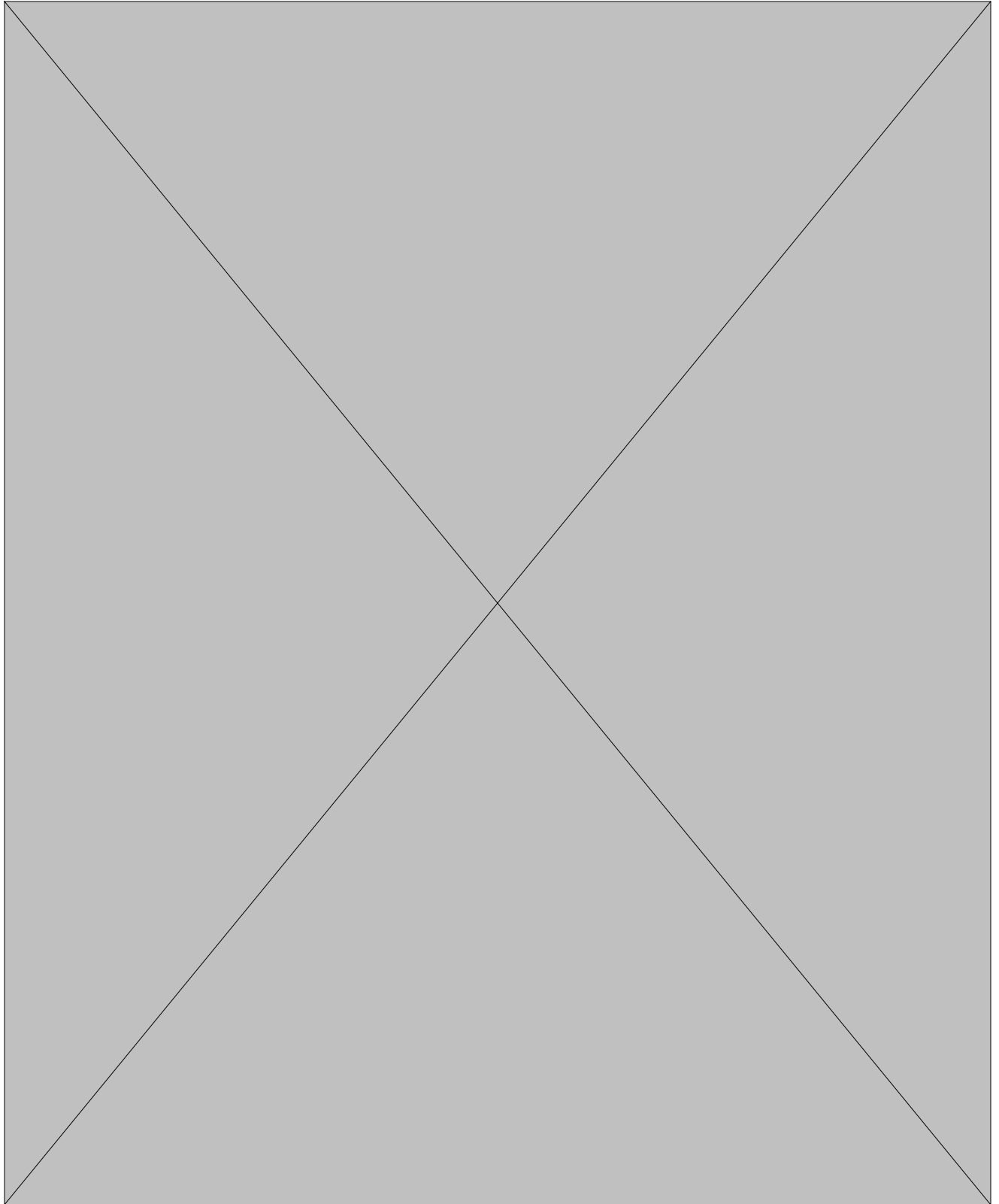
You don't want to disobey or obstruct the Federal court do you.

Then ask yourselves why a civilian gets these results while lawyers keep the cash cow alive , even if they have to intentionally throw 20 or 30 cases.

(as per Kogan on the Northern Broadcasting Network)

<http://www.skinnymoose.com/bbb/2010/06/11/yellowstone-is-dying/>

On Jun 15, 2017 12:43 PM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

I will be out of the office and on travel status from June 3 through June 10, working in our Mid-Pacific Region. I will try to return calls and emails when I have the appropriate facilities to do so. If you have an immediate concern that needs attention, please contact Grayford Payne or Dan Durbay in the Commissioner's Office.

Robert

you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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[Ryan, Con Kelley and Anaconda Copper and Mining Co. 1.pdf](#)

Robert thanks for the time you spent this past week and leaving the the movie the **(Smartest Guys in the Room)** after we went over the 1923 bond indenture with Ryan and Kelly of Anaconda Copper we had put this together a while back? Here you will find the crash of 1929 from **Con Kelley** the attorney, maybe the same inside job in modern day times. John D. Ryan purchased Northwestern Development Co. in 1912 or 13 from Edward Donlan. If I were an elected Commissioner on any Irrigation District in the West, you may want to pick out the rotten **(SPUDS)**?

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<http://themillenniumreport.com/2017/07/14-3-quadrillion-lien-taken-against-all-u-s-land-real-estate-and-people-on-july-28-2011/>

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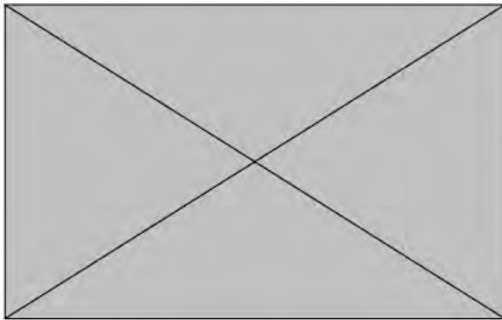
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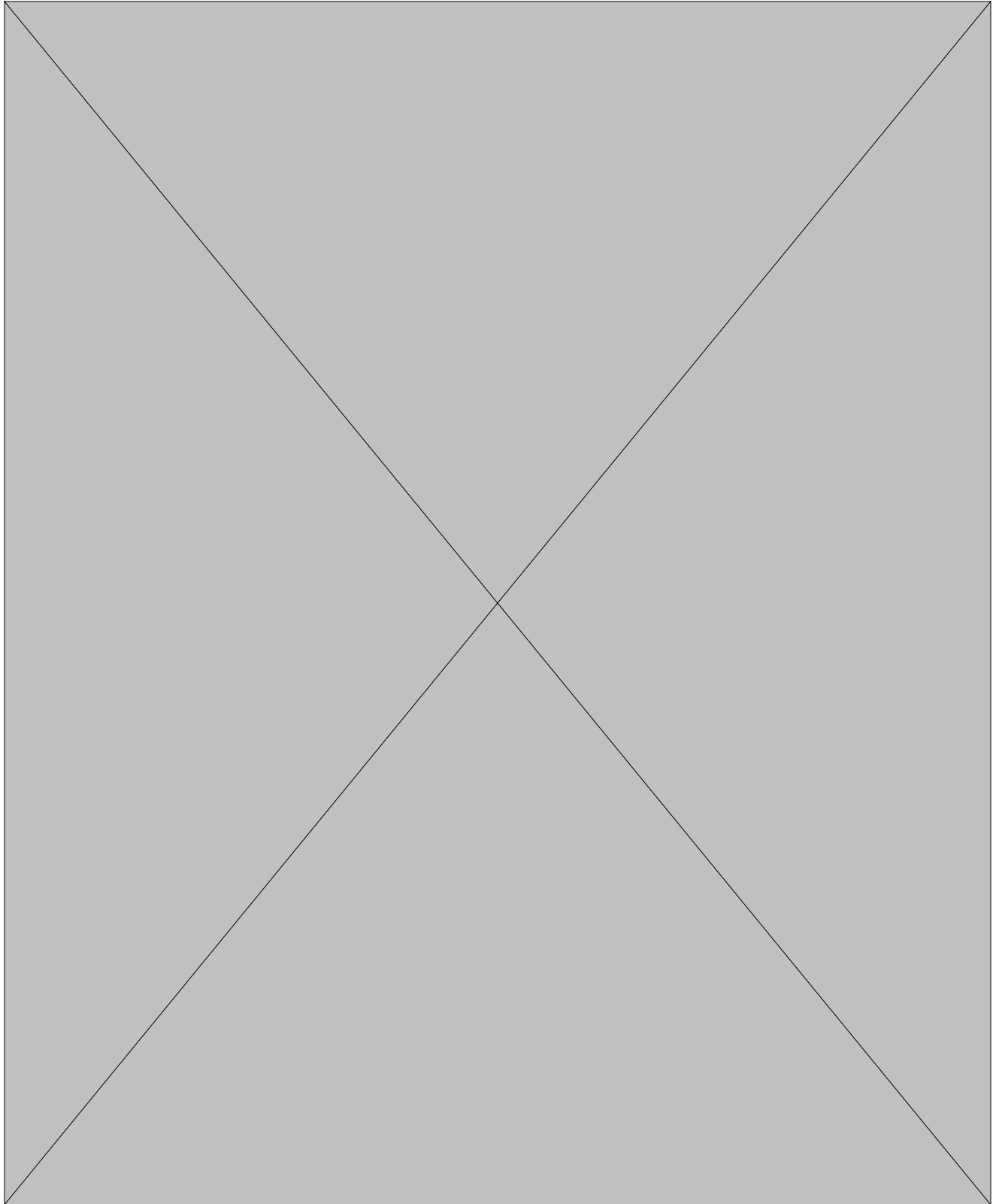
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Robert you are correct the FERC Judge asked the Attorneys to quantify the taking, over a year ago, as John Carter admitted in front of the State Legislature in 2015 this a taking. Alan has not been out of the "Office" completely !!! Not only did the (Secretary of Interior) back in 1951 have a Designation, along in 1963 there were more revising and came a very "LARGE" (REDESIGNATION) that may have been when the BIA grabbed control of the Project. The Tax statements are reflecting those amounts down on many acreages. I remember clearly the FJBC did not want intervenors at the FERC proceeding and the District Court Judge asked the Irrigation Districts if discovery was needed in his decision on the Compact? Sections 16 and 36 were set aside as State Lands in every Township check with the (BLM) this 1938 map reflects this. Section 16 is listed today as the "Primary Owner" being Tribal?

Also check the Montana Cadastral to see who the Owner of the Southwest corner of Section 25 the 40 acre tract set aside for the PROJECT? Yes the Power Reserves on the River also.

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I attended the Flathead Joint Board meeting on Tuesday

A series of FELONIES and securities fraud since 1923 has been committed by the likes of John D. Ryan
John D. Rockefeller
Cornelius Kelly

The original " pump and dumpers" who caused the Crash of 1929 and 12 years of ensuing Depression.

I have the primary EVIDENCE to prove it, thus demanding 5th Amendment takings clause restitution for Montana.

We were LOOTED.

Watch Steve Bannon Generation Zero! Senator Robert T Fanning will finish his term in the US Senate as the champion of the Forgotten Man! He will bring back more money to the state of Montana than all the Senators combined since 1889, when Montana became a state! He is

busting the corruption now and will bring the money home! There is a reason why Steve Bannon sits next to Donald Trump everyday, and there is a reason why Robert T Fanning is Montana's next Senator! <3 We must support Trump and his fight against the corruption of the Deep State! #GofightingIrish #Notredamewinsagain #FanningforSenate

On Aug 12, 2017 7:25 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert thanks for the time you spent this past week and leaving the the movie the **(Smartest Guys in the Room)** after we went over the 1923 bond indenture with Ryan and Kelly of Anaconda Copper we had put this together a while back? Here you will find the crash of 1929 from **Con Kelley** the attorney, maybe the same inside job in modern day times. John D. Ryan purchased Northwestern Development Co. in 1912 or 13 from Edward Donlan. If I were an elected Commissioner on any Irrigation District in the West, you may want to pick out the rotten **(SPUDS)**?

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You need to know that the original Republic of the United States was a compact and alliance of the individual states; each state was recognized as a separate nation under international law. However, when congressional representatives of seven Southern states abandoned their posts in 1861, Congress adjourned and dissolved taking the Constitutional Republic of the United States of America with it. After the Civil War, under the Reconstruction Acts, a new United States corporation, was formed in 1871. This can be confirmed by referring to United States Code, Title 28, Chapter 176 under Federal Debt collection procedures. Section 3002 (15) states that "United States" means:

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<http://themillenniumreport.com/2017/07/14-3-quadrillion-lien-taken-against-all-u-s-land-real-estate-and-people-on-july-28-2011/>

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From the author of the Greenspan Put, a rigged trade that CAUSED the greatest recession of our lives that was explained in "Generation Zero", "Inside Job" and the "Big Short".

America's financial system has become an enormous Ponzi Scheme built on multi layered fraud. Now you know why they are trying to remove Trump.

I want Testers seat in the U.S Senate in order to defend the Forgotten Man and private property against the Deep State

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<https://www.cnbc.com/2017/08/04/greenspan-bond-bubble-about-to-break-because-of-abnormally-low-interest-rates.html>

On Aug 2, 2017 10:00 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2017/08/us-health-care-reform-debate-not-address.html>

On Jul 31, 2017 12:45 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Sue to enforce the U.S. Constitution and drain the swamp in Montana.

There is no " like " Janette ,
only duty once you have sworn the oath .

On Jul 31, 2017 11:29 AM, "Janette Rosman" <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Sounds like you like to sue people? Rotten apples on the tree, thank you for updating me. I was not aware. Janette

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On Friday, July 28, 2017 1:58 PM, Janette Rosman <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

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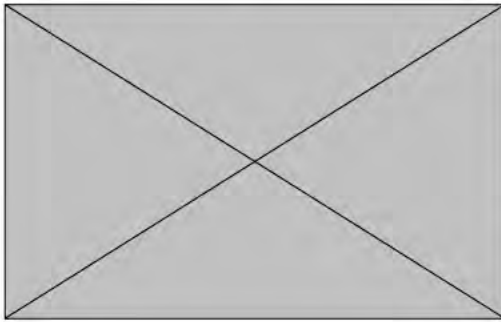
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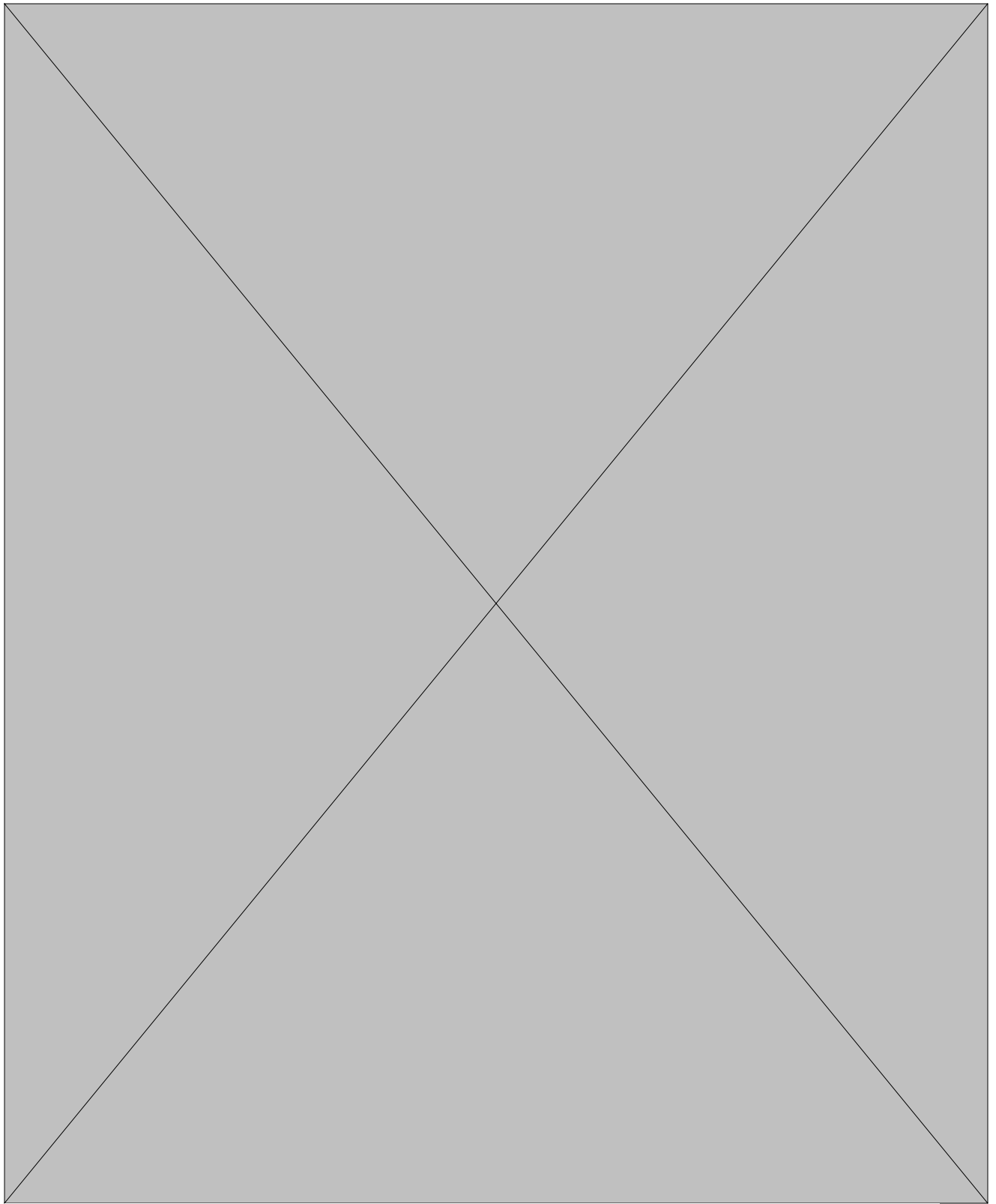
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Cc: MT Rep Dick Barrett[rnewbar@gmail.com]; DNRC Land Board[landboard@mt.gov]; Frandsen Deb (Tester)[deb_frandsen@tester.senate.gov]; Roger Starkell[(b) (6)]; Travis Kavulla[tkavulla@mt.gov]; Richard Erb[richarderb@montana.com]; Jack Horner[(b) (6)]; Kristin Omvig[kristin@rmtlawp.com]; Debra Lamm[dlamm@nellus.com]; Steve Hughes[(b) (6)]; Paul Guenzler[sharongu@ronan.net]; Dr. Kate Vandemoer[waterforworldpeace@gmail.com]; Kathleen Mazure[klm@dwgp.com]; Daniel Salomon[dansalomon12@gmail.com]; Patricia Gillis[patricia.gillis@ferc.gov]; Brad Hamlett[senatorhamlett@gmail.com]; Paul Wadsworth[(b) (6)]; Paul Hunsucker[(b) (6)]; David Lake[spud@cyberport.net]; MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick[fitzpatrick@bresnan.net]; Bruce Fredrickson[bruce@rmtlawp.com]; Ryan Zinke[(b) (6)]; Gene Erb Jr[(b) (6)]; Senator Jon Tester[senator@tester.senate.gov]; Ken Cornelius[(b) (6)]; Mary Stranahan[mary@goodworksventures.com]; Bruce TutvedtSD3[brucetutvedt@gmail.com]; Bill & Grace Slack[(b) (6)]; Steve Daines[steve@stedaines.com]; MT Sen Chas Vincent[cvincent@hotmail.com]; Duane Mecham[duane.mecham@sol.doi.gov]; Alan Mikkelsen[amikkelsen@usbr.gov]; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch[brknhkrnch@stignatius.net]; Mike Horn[(b) (6)]; Jack & Susan Lake[jlake@ronan.net]; Jon Metropoulos[jon@metropouloslaw.com]
From: Robert Fanning
Sent: 2017-08-12T11:02:50-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: I witnessed the FJBC rubber stamp a payment of \$ 1.7 million to the tribes with out one word of discussion or debate while your neighbors are being blackmailed and extorted.
Received: 2017-08-12T11:02:59-04:00
[1986 \(documents\).pdf](#)

I also spent a couple of hours with an irrigator who is being blackmailed and extorted into selling his water rights and land .
This is absolute defiance of this judge's 1986 grilling.

The question now is:

" does anyone in authority, like Jack Seivers of MSU and Securities Commissioner Rosendale

have the honor and integrity to order a FORENSIC audit that state law, Montana State University school of Agriculture charter requires and the Koch Brothers have already paid for ?

This is the \$ Trillion dollar question that will drive the 2018 Senate race.

Substance over "schmoozers ",
public interest over pathetic , narcissistic photo ops that prove nothing but insecurity and incompetence.

Respecting the public by electing those who do, and have done for 2 decades, the actual work instead of phony carnival barkers who use prominent & unwilling citizens as props in their micro managed, staged video commercials.

They are not "one of you" if they disobey the judge in the attached PDF and the US Constitution.

They are part of the Swamp.

"Do what you all ways did ,get what you always got.".....corruption.

Draining the Swamp begins at the headwaters right here in MONTANA

On Aug 2, 2017 10:00 AM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2017/08/us-health-care-reform-debate-not-address.html>

On Jul 31, 2017 12:45 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Sue to enforce the U.S. Constitution and drain the swamp in Montana.
There is no " like " Janette ,
only duty once you have sworn the oath .

On Jul 31, 2017 11:29 AM, "Janette Rosman" <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Sounds like you like to sue people? Rotten apples on the tree, thank you for updating me. I was not aware. Janette

From: Gene Erb Jr [mailto: [\(b\)\(6\)@](mailto:(b)(6)@)]
Sent: Saturday, July 29, 2017 6:57 AM
To: Janette Rosman; 'Robert Fanning'
Cc: 'DNRC Land Board'; 'MT Rep Dick Barrett'; 'Frandsen Deb (Tester)'; 'Roger Starkel'; 'Travis Kavulla'; 'Richard Erb'; 'Jack Horner'; 'Kristin Omvig'; 'Debra Lamm'; 'Steve Hughes'; 'Paul Guenzler'; 'Dr. Kate Vandemoer'; 'Kathleen Mazure'; 'Daniel Salomon'; 'Patricia Gillis'; 'Brad Hamlett'; 'Paul Wadsworth'; 'Paul Hunsucker'; 'David Lake'; 'MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick'; 'Bruce Fredrickson'; 'Ryan Zinke'; 'Senator Jon Tester'; 'Ken Cornelius'; 'BruceTutvedtSD3'; 'Mary Stranahan'; 'Bill & Grace Slack'; 'Steve Daines'; 'MT Sen Chas Vincent'; 'Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch'; 'Alan Mikkelsen'; 'Duane Mecham'; 'Mike Horn'; 'Jon Metropoulos'; 'Jack & Susan Lake'
Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

1. Water Commissioner Janette Rosman this is the second part of the email that was sent to you and some of your Flathead Commissioners yesterday. You took a oath of Office

and if you Do Not understand this? I will be more than happy to file a complaint as a water right owner and user in your District, and Judge Manley can explain this to both of us? How about them Apples.

2. For your information the Funds were donated to Montana State University for the Forensic Audit by the Koch Brothers as explained by Mike Horn. I am positive Robert Fanning would be happy to send you the information again.

3. You may want to take another look at the (FERC) document Robert Fanning, Gene Erb and others hired Lawrence Kogan to represent private property owners in the West. Have you kept up on that Proceeding and made sure the Judges have their needed information? You have a Fiduciary Responsibility.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 1:58 PM, Janette Rosman <janette@ronan.net> wrote:

Gene, bring me up to date, is the FBI doing two forensic audits on FJBC? I'm not aware of the FBI going back on the records you are referring to and if you would like them to do so, get your check book out and pay for it. The FJBC does not have the funds to follow up on your paperwork. Who's behind all of this? I did not know Daddy Bruce Vincent but I do know Chas, and Dave Vincent. Good people in the communities they live in with a head full of common sense. Janette

From: Gene Erb Jr [mailto:gene@ronan.net] (b) (6)

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 12:47 PM

To: Robert Fanning

Cc: DNRC Land Board; MT Rep Dick Barrett; Janette Rosman; Frandsen Deb (Tester); Roger Starkel; Travis Kavulla; Richard Erb; Jack Horner; Kristin Omvig; Debra Lamm; Steve Hughes; Paul Guenzler; Dr. Kate Vandemoer; Kathleen Mazure; Daniel Salomon; Patricia Gillis; Brad Hamlett; Paul Wadsworth; Paul Hunsucker; David Lake; MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick; Bruce Fredrickson; Ryan Zinke; Senator Jon Tester; Ken Cornelius; BruceTutvedtSD3; Mary Stranahan; Bill & Grace Slack; Steve Daines; MT Sen Chas Vincent; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch; Alan Mikkelsen; Duane Mecham; Mike Horn; Jon Metropoulos; Jack & Susan Lake

Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

1. Robert there is a very suspect in this Action??? In the **(1963 Redesignation of Water Rights)** by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under direction of Secretary of Interior the lands that were out of the Project also included at that time would have given Congress control of the **(PROJECT)**? Another theft without Compensation.
2. Chas Vincent and his Daddy Bruce Vincent and cousin Commissioner Dave Vincent may be able to explain this to the FBI.
3. This Amici Brief has Dr. Richard Erb working for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Assistant to Governor Sherman Maisel, 1967-69)???
4. Don't forget to use Discovery when asked by the JUDGE. More on the way.

On Friday, July 28, 2017 10:32 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

In court, this is called primary evidence, just like the missing computer(s).

Evidence tampering is a serious crime.

Quantify the HARM with a forensic audit.

" forensic " means that a crime is suspected.

On Jul 28, 2017 9:55 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

Robert some times folks appear to be hiding the truth!!! Looks like the FBI Auditors may want to start (HERE), I had not a clue in 1991 buying a small ranch at Charlo Mt. that the Government was subsidizing a payment of over 7000.00 per year? Lucky for me Dennis Krantz working at the USDA and we not being one of the (Good Old Boys and Girls Club) it was amended and finally ended. You don't suppose that went into a retirement FUND somewhere the Auditors may find it? Mr. Krantz was subleasing the land Dave Snyder purchased in 1985 these water rights, I found after we purchased the property were amended by the (DNRC) also. Mr Jack Stivers pushed a 70 yr old dear friend from behind at one of the Compact meetings 4-5 yrs ago and the MSU office is still paying his retirement?

On Saturday, July 1, 2017 7:47 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

If they'll steal your water,electricity minerals and land.....they' find a way to nationalize pensions.

On Jun 30, 2017 11:35 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

http://clicks.aweber.com/v/ct/?l_GQGs.&m_gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b_qsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA

Now you know why the DEEP STATE is in a panic attack to steal your private property

http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l_GQGs.&m_gx.LyMtw4yvvrVU&b_qsNCpBuGfQhPrqYZ.J4OLA

On Jun 30, 2017 12:01 PM, "Robert Fanning" <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Mike Cotter will have his hands full once the HARM is quantified.

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/montana/articles/2017-06-09/former-us-attorney-to-investigate-lawyer-misconduct-cases>

On Jun 30, 2017 8:30 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

1. Well this may be why the Lake County Attorney had to turn the investigation over to the United States (FBI). If one happens to not be so sheep-all, you will find the 7.00 per acre to be rather a commanding price for a parcel of land. The United States required that improvements to the lands were to be made before the Fee Patent would issue. Along in 1926 came the "Formation of the Irrigation Districts" at Polson Mt. As you will see in the right hand corner the Order was Filed and Recorded, it is real convenient that the none of the Government employees could recover or find these? It may be called discovery? Has anyone a clue as what the "Special Irrigation District Report" may be?
2. As you will find in the second attachment, the districts filed a claim with the uses and the (DNRC) failed to finish the paper work. Does anyone know who was coaching Alan as he claims to be a expert witness and when is asked about the uses stockwater, domestic, municipal, and power generation they may have not received the response yet today? The (DNRC) has purchased plenty of land in the State.
3. Does anyone happen to know how much money the Federal Government paid for the pipeline to the Walt Shock Ranch? This contract is within the 5yr statute of limitations? Some of us may know neighbors that asked for the right to use this pipeline also and were denied equal and just distribution.

On Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:55 AM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

When the Treasury Department sends their Special Investigators, those "G Men" are CPA's MBA's and experts in white collar crime.

They know all about fraud, violation of fiduciary duties and bad Faith dealings.

Al Capone was at large until the " G Men " caught him.

Then he died with his brain rotted out from syphilis in Alcatraz.

People who steal from children, the insane and the incarcerated deserve no less than Al Capone.

On Jun 28, 2017 12:14 AM, "Mike Horn" <(b) (6)> wrote:

The Question is: What is the quantification of the HARM?

1. Quantification Scope: Lost Water Rights, Lost Jobs, Lowered Incomes, Population Displacement, Lowered Business Activity, Reduced Farm Income and equipment sales, Decline in Economic Potential, Increase in Crime. Quantification is measured in dollars and other factors including quality of living.
2. Quantification Assessment A credible sourcing would naturally be Montana State University Bozeman - Ag Economics taking the lead. A Principle Investigator would be identified to produce a planning document and a proposed budget. This would likely be a multi-year project. (The Koch Bros. have established a long term endowment to bolster the MSU Ag Economics Department.)
3. Congressional legislation usually neglects impact quantification and assessments. This judicial demand for one must be addressed with a credible construct for one. All parties should agree that this would be a significant precedent to quantify HARM in any legislation.

From: Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Gene Erb; Mike Hom; Debra Lamm
Cc: Janette Rosman; MT Rep Dick Barrett; DNRC Land Board; Frandsen Deb (Tester); Roger Starkel; Richard Erb; Brad Hamlett; Jack Horner; Kristin Omvig; MT Sen Chas Vincent; Steve Hughes;

Paul Guenzler; Dr. Kate Vandemoer; Kathleen Mazure; Daniel Salomon; Patricia Gillis; Paul Wadsworth; Paul Hunsucker; David Lake; MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick; Bruce Fredrickson; Ryan Zinke; Ken Cornelius; Mary Stranahan; BruceTutvedtSD3; Bill & Grace Slack; Steve Daines; Senator Jon Tester; Duane Mecham; Alan Mikkelsen; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch; Jack & Susan Lake; Jon Metropoulos

Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

Quantify the HARM, so this can get in front of the U.S. Court of Claims and / or get an appropriations rider attached in Congress.

Then elect me to the U.S Senate in order to insure that those who have been harmed, both individual and government entities are paid.

I'll bring a whole lot more money back to Montana than the current crop of "leaders ".

You don't have a lot of time to dilly dally.

P.S.

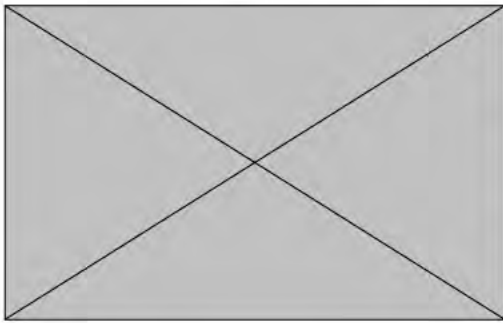
For at least a decade y'all have been paying lawyers. Some of who should lose their ticket.

April 11, 2015 it was admitted,in front of the Montana House Judiciary Committee, that in fact, this CKST was a regulatory taking.

Why hasn't a single lawyer up there brought up the Kelo decision?

Qui Bono?

<http://freerangereport.com/index.php/2017/06/25/scotus-rules-landowners-have-no-recourse-when-government-regs-undermine-property-values/>



SCOTUS rules landowners have no recourse when government regs undermine property values
freerangereport.com

“Put simply, today’s decision knocks the definition of ‘private property’ loose from its foundation on stable state law rules,” Roberts wrote. The ruling “compro...

On Jun 27, 2017 8:52 AM, "Gene Erb Jr" <(b) (6)> wrote:

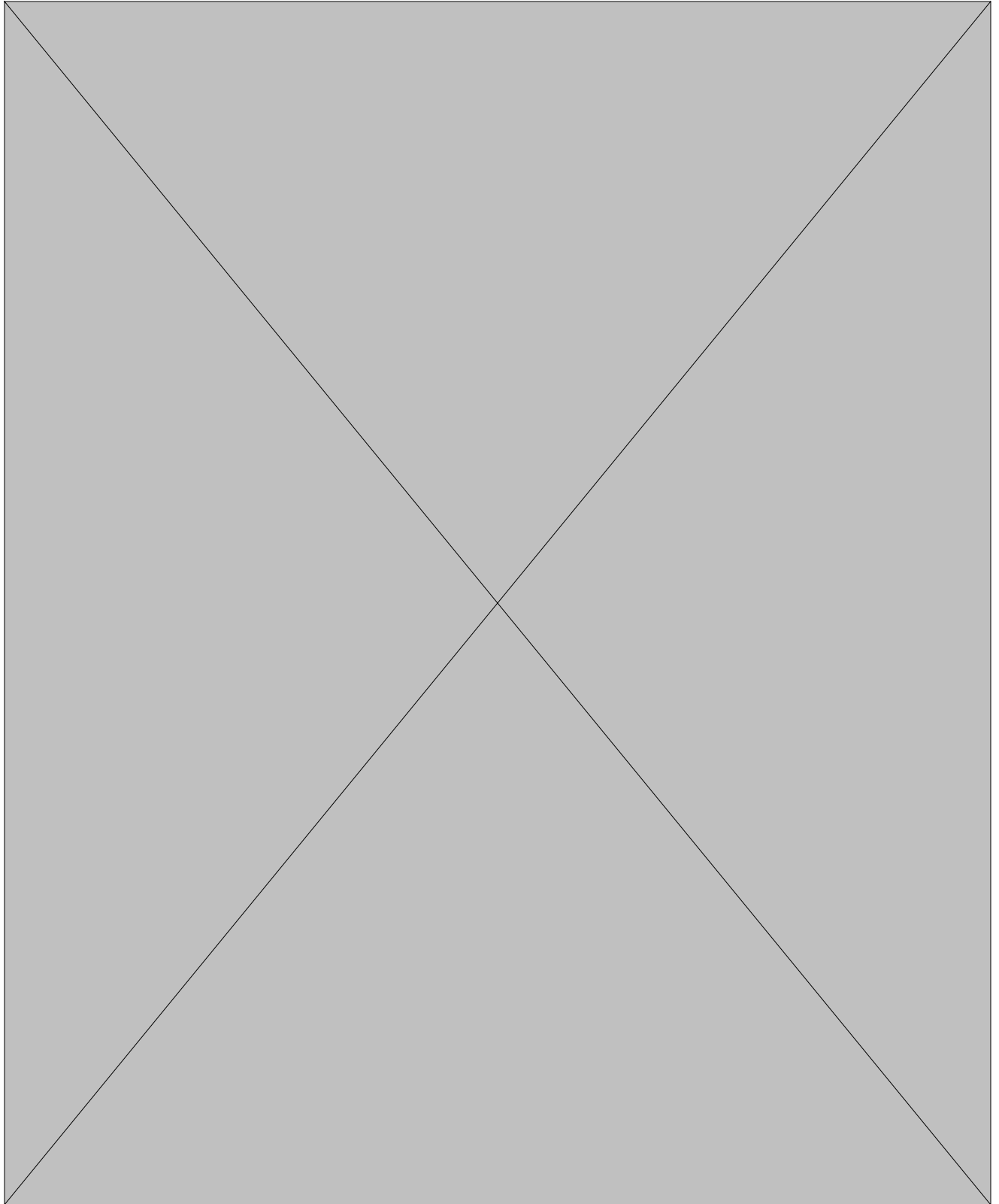
Robert if one individual could only purchase 160 acres under the Homestead Act, and had to prove up on it prior to receiving a Patent, Rocky Mountain Power sends J.E. Bell to file on the Flathead River prior to the 1920 Federal Power Act. Thanks to Rick B. for the (Opening and Sales of Indian Lands) the Villa sites were Auctioned off in 1915. And the State of Montana (DNRC) involved with the Theft also, we are lucky there are honest hard working people that helped with the information from them also.

On Monday, June 26, 2017 12:59 PM, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

I

<https://vimeo.com/124787340>

posted Kelo on my page a couple of months ago.



On Monday, June 5, 2017 9:48 AM, "Mikkelsen, Alan" <amikkelsen@usbr.gov> wrote:

To: Mike Horn[(b) (6)]; MT - Kalispell Daily InterLake[edit@dailyinterlake.com]; Robert Fanning[bruisernd73@gmail.com]; Flathead Joint Board of Control[fjbc@blackfoot.net]; Alan Mikkelsen[alanmikk@gmail.com]

Cc: DNRC Land Board[landboard@mt.gov]; MT Rep Dick Barrett[rnewbar@gmail.com]; Janette Rosman[janette@ronan.net]; Frandsen Deb (Tester)[deb_frandsen@tester.senate.gov]; Roger Starkel[(b) (6)]; Richard Erb[richarderb@montana.com]; Jack Horner[(b) (6)]; Kristin Omvig[kristin@rmtlawp.com]; Debra Lamm[dlamm@nellus.com]; Steve Hughes[(b) (6)]; Paul Guenzler[sharongu@ronan.net]; Dr. Kate Vandemoer[waterforworldpeace@gmail.com]; Kathleen Mazure[klm@dwgp.com]; Daniel Salomon[dansalomon12@gmail.com]; Patricia Gillis[patricia.gillis@ferc.gov]; Brad Hamlett[senatorhamlett@gmail.com]; Paul Wadsworth[(b) (6)]; Paul Hunsucker[(b) (6)]; David Lake[spud@cyberport.net]; MT Rep Steve Fitzpatrick[fitzpatrick@bresnan.net]; Bruce Fredrickson[bruce@rmtlawp.com]; Ryan Zinke[(b) (6)]; Senator Jon Tester[senator@tester.senate.gov]; Ken Cornelius[(b) (6)]; Bruce TutvedtSD3[bruce@tutvedt@gmail.com]; Mary Stranahan[mary@goodworksventures.com]; Bill & Grace Slack[(b) (6)]; Steve Daines[steve@stevedaines.com]; MT Sen Chas Vincent[cvvincent@hotmail.com]; Jerry & Christine | Broken Hook Ranch[brknhkrnch@stignatius.net]; Alan Mikkelsen[amikkelsen@usbr.gov]; Duane Mecham[duane.mecham@sol.doi.gov]; Jon Metropoulos[jon@metropouloslaw.com]; Jack & Susan Lake[jlake@ronan.net]

From: Gene Erb Jr

Sent: 2017-10-06T09:46:44-04:00

Importance: Normal

Subject: Re: No.1 Forensic Audit for the (HARM).

Received: 2017-10-06T09:47:12-04:00

Township 19 Range 19 Allotments

Flathead

Irrigation

Project

(Montana).pdf

Mc Donald Lake and Post Creek.pdf

Mc Donald Lake and Post Creek

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of

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(CLAIM).pdf

See Owner Tab.pdf

This is clearly the intent of the "Compact" to coverup the **ORIGINAL ALLOTMENTS AND WATER RIGHTS** issued under the Laws of the United States with the Blessing of the STATE of MONTANA. The intent of the FORENSIC AUDIT is to make sure you don't get away with it. As far back as 1963 the Water Resources Survey for the State of Montana has used new maps issued by the State Engineer's Office, Helena Montana, June 1963??? Compare this 1908 Allotment map Township 19 Range 19 with the map on file at the State of Montana's, Department of Natural Resources and Conservations website listed under Lake County Montana Part II page 7. The 3rd attachment is the new water rights that were designed by the FJBC I suppose if the By Laws were changed, the Water Right would change also?

On Monday, October 2, 2017, 4:31:43 PM MDT, Robert Fanning <bruisernd73@gmail.com> wrote:

Lazy lawyer syndrome?

Did anybody count the number of commissioners on Judge Manleys order dated 9/27

Are there 11 or 12 of you?

Will your actions be declared : " null and void," for this or other reasons?

\$15 grand a month ?

Seriously?

A reasonable person would conclude that since 1907 that there was collusion to omit a whole lot more than this.